

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 4, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached herewith as enumerated below are the reports and exhibits submitted by Confidential Informant C-113. Appropriate memoranda have been placed in individual organization case files and it is recommended that this memo with the attached reports and exhibits be filed in #67-2584.

- (1) Report of meeting of STEVE NELSON with Slovene comrades at Pittsburgh, 12/19/46. ✓
- (2) Form letter dated 1/24/47 by ROY HUDSON to comrades. ✓
- (3) Report of meeting of the Org-Ed Committee, 1/25/47. ✓
- (4) Report of meeting of Cambria County CP, 1/26/47.
- (5) Report of meeting of Arrangements Committee for Winston Meeting. ✓
- (6) Report of District Conference of CP of Western Pennsylvania, 2/2/47, Carnegie Lecture Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. ✓
- (7) Mimeographed forms of (a) Negro History Week by JAMES H. DOLSEN, (b) Statement of Income and Expenses year 1946, (c) Letter by ROY HUDSON. ✓
- (8) Report of meeting 2/7/47 - RE: GERHART EISLER INCIDENT
- (9) Report of meeting of Lawrenceville Club, 2/9/47.

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STEVE NELSON - Meeting with Slovene Comrades from Pittsburgh
to discuss Slovene problems - Thursday evening Dec. 19th, 1946
at the office of the TFO 7th Floor Columbia Bldg.

~~XXXXXX~~ The following attended the meeting:

Steve Nelson,

Steve Loven, Croatian

Matt Cvetic, Slovene

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[redacted] reported that the decisions of the last June
Conference held by the Slovene Party members in Cleveland were not
carried out because [redacted] who was entrusted with the responsi-
bility of carrying them out had family problems. The bulletin
which was proposed was never gotten out, [redacted] reported, and he
feels that this must be taken care of some way. Further [redacted]
reported that the Social Democrats are trying to do away with SANS
and that they plan at the Conference of SANS which is scheduled for
next spring to disband. We further reported that [redacted]
Cleveland Comrade is now [redacted] of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Proletarec or Enakoprovnost (I'm not sure which) Daily in Cleveland
George further said that SANS was ending in ~~xxx~~ \$750.00 a month to
the United Committee. Matt Cvetic then spoke up and said that
as far as SANS is concerned they worked on nothing but Relief Work
the past two years and it seems that the people who were instrumental
in or anti-in SANS are active in the United Committee and have for-
gotten all about SANS. Steve Loven said that the Croatian Council
has contributed about \$29,000.00 to the United Committee of a
quota of \$70,000. Steve Nelson proposed that the Slovene Communists
at least those from Detroit, Pittsburgh and Cleveland get together.

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in Cleveland soon and work out some kind of a program. He proposed that this meeting should take ~~xxx~~ place on January 13th or 14th when he expects to be in Cleveland. He also said that or Matt should ^{b6}_{b7C} keep in touch with the embassy let them know what you're doing and also to get their advise - let them know that ~~the~~ you are having a meeting of Slovene Communists in Cleveland and see what they have to suggest. Steve Loyen brought up the subject of the Croatian Conference which is scheduled for Cleveland for April 19 and 20th (or 18th and 19th). He suggested and all agreed that the Slovenes ~~and the Serbs~~ should try to have their conference's around the same time and that on the last day the three Yugoslav Groups could get together.

Steve Loyen also said that the United Committee is scheduled to meet in Cleveland on Jan. 4th. He said that Louis Adamic said recently that if more money isn't forthcoming soon that he would walk out of the United Committee. The Committee has been having difficulty functioning. ~~from~~ They have financial problems. Plans are now afoot to change the name of the monthly bulleting and to issue it as a paid magazine. This concluded the business and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. -

Nationality Commission Meeting of the Communist Party [redacted]
held at the office of the IWQ, Columbia Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. b6
Thursday evening December 19th at 8:15 P.M. [redacted] b7C

The Nationality Commission of the Communist Party held a meeting with the following participating.

Steve Nelson, National Committee

Roy Hudson,

Matt Cvetic

[redacted]

Steve Loyaen,

[redacted]

Arthur Bartl

[redacted]

[redacted]

J----- Kowalski

[redacted]

The agenda:

Report of Plenum - Steve Nelson

Report of Slav Congress - Matt Cvetic

Report on Nationality School - Steve Nelson.

Steve gave the report on the National Plenum as it affects the Nationality Groups. Specifically he dealt with the results of the elections, and the plans worked out by the Committee to involve the nationality groups in the 1948 elections. All work must be geared up to meet certain changes that have occurred since the election - he pointed out that the election was not the landslide pictured by the Reactionary press - that only 55% of the vote went republican and in some instances he pointed out where a change of 1% would have elected progressive congressmen.

He said the Nationality Press must also become more conscious of their responsibility in following the Party Line. He stressed several times the importance of the Language Press, the Fraternal Organization and all our Front Organizations which are affected by the Language Groups following the Party Line. He said we must guard against Leftism calling attention to the fact that 25 or 30 comrades were recently expelled from the party because of their leftism. He called attention also to the fact that many of these comrades felt we were wrong in going along with the Resolution against Communism in the CIO - he said we went there with first the understanding that we would do everything from having this resolution on communism getting on the floor. He said we fought it for three days in the committee. When nothing could be done we decided it was best to go along with the resolution. ~~Any~~ Anything else would have been disastrous. We must bear in mind that if we are to be successful in the 1948 elections we must give our attention to working out the kind of a coalition which was successful in electing Roosevelt. We must unite with such progressive, and labor forces and build strength for the 1948 election. Leftism at this time he again pointed out must be guarded against. (Here he is implying probably that Communism as an issue - or as the main objective in the struggle must be forgotten about for the present and the way to work is to take the party line into whatever organizations we can by working out coalitions etc.) On the Lewis situation and the mine strike he pointed out that Lewis withdrew from the strike when he saw that victory for the strike was within his grasp. He became alarmed lest Murray came out of the fight strong and he Lewis saw himself coming out weaker. So we must

understand this correctly and interpret it to the miners. He pointed out that we have the best chance we have had in years to make some inroads into the miners and that we must mobilize all the forces we can to take advantage of this situation and work amongst the miners. Another goal he pointed out is that in the coming recruiting campaign the party has set as its goal a ~~xxxxxx~~ total of 100,000 members - that is ~~xxxx~~ this would be the total membership after registration. In answer to a question he said we have about 72,000 party members now. He pointed out the necessity of recruiting enough members to bring our strength up to 100,000 if we are to be an effective force in American political scene.

After discussion on the report in which 8 or ten of the comrades took part Matt Cvetic gave a report on the Slav Congress. He reported on the Meeting which ~~xxxx~~ Slav Congress committee had on December 1st at which only 35 participated and only two or three of them were party people. He criticized this. He said 800 letters were sent out for this meeting. He further pointed out that the committee voted a conference which will be held in the English Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel on February 23rd and said if we are to be successful in this conference the Communist Party must take the responsibility, otherwise we might as well forget about the conference. He then read the call which he said Brook and he prepared.

Roy Hudson spoke up and also criticized the work of the comrades in the Slav Congress and both he and Steve Nelson stressed the importance of the American Slav Congress (Steve also did this in his earlier report) in the new party line.

It was proposed that at least one Comrade from each nationality

Group be appointed to take the responsibility of the Slav Congress and the following were assigned.

Croatian	--	Art Bartl	
Slovenian	-		
Sorbian	--		
Ukrainian	--		
Russian	--	-----	Kowalski
Czech	----		
Slovak	----		
Karpatho-Russian	----		(must check name)
Polish	----		(suggested by [redacted] but not a party member)

first name will check -Adam or John

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The Automobile raffle was discussed and it was further proposed that the Congress invite [redacted] to make a report on the Belgrad Conference and also to invite a leading American like Elliott Roosevelt or some such personality to speak at the Conference.

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The final point on the agenda was the NATIONALITY SCHOOL AND on this Steve Nelson reported that there will be a Nationality School starting March 10th in New York and that 7 or 8 Comrades from the W.Pa. district should be recommended for this School - from the Language Press, Iwo, Slav Congress and other mass organizations. He said the school would be very educational and steps should be taken immediately to think in terms of what comrades should be sent to the school. No decisions were made as none were expected. The business of the evening having been concluded and the b.s. having run out the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Meeting of Org-Ed Committee of the Communist Party of
Western Pennsylvania.
Sat. P.M. 1/25/47 at 1:00 P.M.

[redacted] 1/26/47

The meeting of the Org-Ed Committee was called to order with the following in attendance:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Roy Hudson,

Matt Cvetic,

[redacted]

[redacted] was reported absent due to the death of her father.

One specific point discussed on the agenda was the recent report submitted ~~xxxxxxx~~ on reorganization. After a helluva of repetitive and scattered discussion two proposals were voted by the committee.

1. To propose to the District Board ~~xxxxxx~~ that the City Executive Committee be re-established on some basis - the basis on which it should be established was not decided.

2. That a District Organizer be put on.

In the course of the discussion [redacted] took exception to a comarades remark at the ~~xx~~ board meeting the other evening, he said this comrade referred to [redacted] as a Square Peg in a round Hole. He said that this was no kind of a remark to make especially for a comrade who is being considered for the job of DISTRICT ORGANIZER. Later in the meeting [redacted] took credit for making the remark. She severely criticized [redacted] saying that he was ~~xxxxxxx~~ lying and making remarks about her that were not entirely true and that he was twisting things around to discredit her. ~~xxxxxxx~~ She made some remarks about [redacted] during a 5 min. intermission around 4 PM and after the intermission Roy Hudson brought this up and asked that Comrade [redacted] withdraw her remarks or be censured. She would not withdraw the remarks and after a through ~~xxxx~~ going over in which [redacted] remarked that [redacted] and others could not get along with [redacted] Dave ridiculed some of her actions and Matt called

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attention to [redacted] habit of continually disagree-
ing with people, cutting in when comrades are speak-
ing and otherwise showing her disapproval, contend-
ing this was no way for a comrade to act. Roy
Hudson added a few more words. [redacted] wouldn't
accepts [redacted] statements as he stated them,
and also disagreed with [redacted]. She agreed that
Matt was correct in his criticism and she would
and is making efforts to correct her habits -
When she wouldn't withdraw her remarks about [redacted]
the Committee voted 4 to 0 to censure Comrade
[redacted]

This whole thing seems to be [redacted]
versus [redacted]. There is
plenty of bad feeling here that is starting to
come to surface and bitter words are flying in
both directions.

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Cambria County Meeting, Portage, Pa. Sunday 1/26/47
Communist Party.

[redacted] 1/26/47

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A meeting was held to discuss party business in the Hungarian Hall located in Portage with five comrades being present and Math Svetick from Pittsburgh District Office participating for the district.

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[redacted] of the party in the district. Math Svetick

led a discussion on the coal mine strike of last November and gave the comrades 500 William Z. Foster pamphlets to distribute in their district.

Another comrade in the district is A Croatian by the name of [redacted]

Comrades [redacted]

[redacted] were registered for the Portage District.

They belong to Local #1318 of the UMWA at Portage and this with possibly one or two exceptions. [redacted]

also attended the meeting. \$6.40 in dues was paid to

Matt Svetic by [redacted] for the District of

Portage and also \$6.00 in Sustaining Fund.

Comrades [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] were registered from

Tohnstown, Pa. Some of them belong to steel and some to

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Miner. - One of them [redacted] is a bartender and one [redacted] is a Tailor in the Town. [redacted]

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[redacted] in this District.

[redacted] reported that [redacted]

[redacted] sent in M.O. for \$12.00 for the Daily Worker two or three weeks ago but is ~~xx~~ his paper has been shut off. [redacted] asked Svetick to check this.

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Svetick then said that [redacted] will again be in the district and asked if Feb. 9th would be suitable for a [redacted] meeting in Portage. After some discussion it was approved and the meeting will be held in the Hungarian Hall at 10:00 A.M. of 2/9.

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Svetick [redacted] went down to Johnstown and visited with [redacted] who said ~~xxxx~~ in the course of the conversation that he was a member of the party but did not use his right name. Said he did not attend meetings but contributed to the party and paid his dues.

Svetick also done a little work on the Slav Congress in Portage and Johnstown. He said he was [redacted] of the Congress in Western Penna.

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Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.
Meeting of Arrangements Committee for
March 2nd., 1947 Winston Meeting.

[redacted] 1/29/47

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Wed 1/29

The Arrangements Committee for this meeting met at noon/in
the office of the Communist Party, Bakewell Bldg with the following
participating:

[redacted] of Meeting

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Matt Cvetic,

James Dolsen,

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic [redacted] were put in charge of distribution
of tickets. They are to make broad distribution at the weekend
conference and also get out a letter which can be used to send out
with tickets to the membership by the local clubs. Then they are
to check up on sale and distribution every three or four days.
Matt took the responsibility of distributing the tickets at the
conference since [redacted] said she couldn't be there.

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[redacted] was put in charge of literature for the meeting.

[redacted] were put in charge of Hall Arrangements.

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James Dolsen will be in charge of sale of the Worker and [redacted]
was assigned the job of Publicity - He will get out a one-page
circular 8x11 and will also see that releases go to the local and
language press and the Worker.

This completing the business of the meeting it stood adjourned
at 1:10 P.M.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
--GERHART EISLER INCIDENT**

[] 3/7/47

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There was a meeting in the Party office this afternoon at
~~XXXXXX~~ 3:30 P.M. with [] Matt Cvetic []
participating. Discussed was the coming March 2nd meeting
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ scheduled for the Frick School at which [] is
to be the principal speaker. The ~~xxxx~~ discussion centered
around the recent attack on Eisler and on how it can be ~~xxxxxx~~
ing
tied in with the [] meet/to create interest in the meeting.

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[] suggested that ~~xx~~ "we get out a pamphlet on the Eisler
business which would follow closely the "Eisler Statement" in
content and ~~xx~~ would show that the Communist Party is interested
in the workers ~~xx~~ and that the attack by the Reactionaries ~~ix~~
on the Communist Party is organized ~~xxxxxx~~ by the National Manu-
facturers Association and their stooges in Congresses, for the
purpose of destroying the labor movement. It will work out
in a way to show that the attack on Eisler is an attack on the
Labor movement and an attempt will be made to get the workers
~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ to organize a fight against the reactionaries in
Congress who are trying to destroy the labor movement. The
actual content of the pamphlet ~~xxx~~ will be written by []
and the pamphlet should be ready for distribution in a few days.

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[] Matt both agreed that such a pamphlet would be good -
Matt said in his opinion the whole damn thing was being done to
give Congress and excuse to pass legislation to persecute the
Communist Party -- both [] agreed but said that this
should not be put in the pamphlet.

Lawrenceville Communist Club.
Executive Meeting --Office of the CP
Bakewell Bldg. Sunday 2/9/47 10:30 A.M.

[redacted] 2/9/47

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The following participated:

[redacted]

Matt Cvetic,

[redacted]

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The Executive Committee decided to try to organize a Forum in Lawrenceville against the Anti-Labor Legislation. The Forum would be organized by the members of the ~~Lawrenceville~~ Council and Hepenstall Unions and then they would invite community leaders and leaders of mass organizations to participate and work for such a Forum.

On ~~the~~ election, after discussion the Executive Committee proposed the following persons to be elected for the Club.

Matt Cvetic, Chairman, [redacted]

[redacted]

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This concluded the business of the meeting

The February 9, 1947, edition of THE WORKER will be dedicated to the celebration of

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK -- FEB. 9-15

This edition will contain many features dealing with Negro history, the contribution of the Negro people to American life, their struggle for equality.

Loading spokesmen of trade unions, of civic and fraternal organizations are contributing toward making this issue a timely and important weapon in the fight against discrimination.

Every Club should order a bundle of this edition, as proof that they really mean to carry our struggle for the rights of the Negro people into our communities and our unions and other mass organizations. Get individual members to take a few copies for distribution among their friends. Keep in mind that our job is to help in every possible way to break down prejudices still existing largely among the white workers and that this lays a special responsibility on our white members. This is a kind of work which EVERY MEMBER can participate in directly.

The form below must be turned in to the District Office NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th. The Club Chairman should consult with those whom he can reach and order the number of copies he feels sure the Club can handle.

Orders for 5 copies or more will cost 5¢ a copy. Cash for orders of less than 25 must accompany the order. Terms for payment for larger orders may be arranged with the District, but payment must be made in full for all orders by the end of February.

The Worker
426 Bakewell Bldg., Pgh. 19

NAME OF CLUB _____

Our Club wants _____ copies of the Worker of Feb. 9th, featuring Negro History Week.

Enclosed is \$_____ in payment for same @ 5¢ per copy.

Our order will be paid for _____
(Give date or other arrangement)

Unless otherwise arranged, Clubs will get their bundles at the office.

James H. Dolson,
District Distributor

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2/10/47
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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

January 24, 1947

1/25/47

Dear Comrade:

This is to inform you of the decisions of the District Board regarding the agenda for the enlarged District Conference on February 2nd. The main problem before the Board was how to organize the time of the conference so as to be able to adequately deal with the most vital questions that face our District. To accomplish this, the Board decided there was no other alternative but to organize one additional session for Saturday, Feb. 1st, 7:30 P.M. On that basis, the proposed agenda is as follows:

Saturday Evening -- Feb. 1st

1. Concentration work (Steel & Mining)
2. Budget for 1947

Sunday -- Feb. 2nd -- 9:30 A.M.

1. The Next Steps in the Struggle Against Monopoly Capitalism -- 9:30 to 1 P.M.
2. The Party Building Drive -- 2 to 3:30 P.M.
3. Evaluation of the Work of the District Board -- 3:30 to 5 P.M.

We want to urge you not only to be sure to attend yourself, but also to help ensure the attendance of all members of your Club Executive as well as any other comrades from your club who have been invited to this Conference.

To have the conference achieve its maximum results, two things are essential. One, that the clubs come prepared to present their plan of work and give their opinions on the questions contained in the letter sent to all clubs last week. This letter should have been read at your club meeting. If it wasn't, find out why. Secondly, you should make every effort to read and study the report of Comrade [redacted] to the last National Committee meeting (published as a pamphlet, "The People Against the Trusts") and the speeches and sub-reports contained in the January issue of Political Affairs. This is essential for every comrade who wants to give the most serious thought to the problems confronting our Party today.

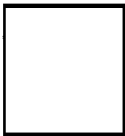
The session on Sunday will be held at the North Side Carnegie Lecture Hall (third floor). The Lecture Hall is part of the North Side Carnegie Library which is located on Federal and East Ohio Streets. We have not as yet obtained a place for the session on Saturday night. You will receive that information in a few days.

If there are any questions you wish to ask, please don't hesitate to do so.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson, Chairman
Communist Party of Western Penna.

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Original about
grapes



Membership

Language 1.6

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Literature



Tues - Springfield 7:30 PM

Sun - New News 10:00 AM

Johnston

Raise question of language
paper have special articles
on the Bledenkamp meeting

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Finances

A) Budget

B) Financing plan for 1987

C) Annual Financial

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We should consider a
point in the Agenda to
give you members a thorough
consideration in the near future

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES -- JANUARY 1 to NOVEMBER 30, 1946

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Income:

Dues and Initiations			
Received	3537.89		
Pd. to Nat. Ofc.	<u>2117.49</u>	1420.40	
National Office Subsidy		4800.00	
Sustaining Fund & Donations		599.15	
Press Fund Drive			
Received	2120.50		
Sent to D. Worker	<u>1842.50</u>	278.00	
District Fund Drive		4270.67	
Picnic		5544.27	
District Affairs		1256.15	
Literature		20.00	
Contributions for District Car		1400.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>71.01</u>	
Total Income		19659.65	19659.65

Expenses:

Wages	10187.08		
less taxes withhold	<u>124.80</u>	10062.28	
Weekly Expenses		970.00	
Subsidy for Negro Work		720.00	
Meeting Expenses		181.66	
Office Rent		765.00	
Telephone & Tolograph		531.86	
Postage		251.49	
Office Supplies		330.29	
Car Repairs		486.48	
Traveling Expenses		811.40	
Taxes		305.88	
Radio		240.00	
Printing		595.65	
Daily & Sunday Worker (for distribution)		293.45	
Subsidy for Education		647.00	
Donations and Gifts		53.10	
Purchase of Car (Washington County)		500.00	
Miscellaneous		144.38	
Potty Cash		40.00	
Loan to Washington County		<u>20.00</u>	
Total Expenses		17949.92	17949.92
Excess of Income over Expenses			<u>1709.73</u>
Balance, January 1, 1946			553.41
Balance, November 30, 1946			<u>\$2263.14</u>

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Dear Comrado:

At the last meeting of the National Committee, Comrado Eugeno Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A. gave the main report on the present political situation and the tasks of our Party. That report has been published in a pamphlet entitled, "The People Against the Trusts". The price of the pamphlet is ten cents.

The District Board decided that I write this letter calling this pamphlet to your attention. The Board believes that it is imperative that every Communist give the most serious thought and study to the policies and decisions of this National Committee meeting. The years 1947 and 1948 will see our country facing the most gigantic struggles and critical problems in our history. We already see Big Business and reaction launching their vicious attacks against labor, the peoples' standard of living and our democratic rights. As American Communists, whose first concern is the welfare and love of our nation and its people, it is our responsibility to give leadership to the people in order to defeat the program of America's most dangerous enemies: The Men of the Trusts and Monopoly Capital.

It is from this viewpoint that the District Board feels the urgent necessity of assuring the widest individual and organized study of Comrado Dennis' report. I therefore urge you not only to buy, read and study this pamphlet, but also to act on the following:

1. Cooperate with your club in organizing the distribution of this pamphlet so that it gets in the hands of EVERY Party member.
2. Suggest that your club organize a series of discussions covering different aspects of the report. Such discussions can be of great value in establishing clarity on fundamental questions and helping the club understand how to apply Party policies to the specific problems in the shop, industry or community. The District Educational Director will be glad to give any club the necessary assistance in organizing such discussions. An outline has already been put out by the National Office as a guide to such discussions.
3. If there are any questions of any kind that you would like to ask about or have discussed, after reading Comrado Dennis's report, I urge you not only to raise them in your club, but also to write directly to the District Board. I assure you the Board will both appreciate such letters and give them its immediate and prompt attention. Such letters should be addressed to myself at the District Office.

I feel certain that if we can get the vast majority of our membership to read and master the report of Comrado Dennis, we will find our Party developing the necessary qualities of Communist leadership, enabling us to give effective leadership to the peoples' struggles. On that basis, I am sure we can and will build our Party among the workers and people of Western Pennsylvania.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson, Chairman
Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

2/2/87

The following attended saturday nights session:

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James Dolson (N.S.)

NEGRO
Roy Hudson (Dist. Chm.)

JACK STACHEL (NATIONAL COMMITTEE)

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BASIC INDUSTRIES - ~~XX~~ WE ALL KNOW IF YOU CAN SHUT DOWN ~~XX~~ AND STEEL YOU Cripple THE WHOLE COUNTRY. THIS WAS PROVEN TO US IN THE STEEL AND COAL STRIKES LAST YEAR"

From the reports by [] it was indicated that a new plan of work ~~ix~~ has been adopted by the J & L Branch and that in this shop at least two of the comrades who have just worked there for the past several months are now shop stewards - one of them in a section of the shop which employs mostly ~~XXXXXX~~ negroes (a white comrade). and from the report of [] from Crucible it is indicated that the Crucible ~~XX~~ Communist Club is doing a pretty good job - is meeting regularly and has been successful in electing one of their membership to the leadership of the union and others to other positions in the union. [] reported that their comrade who is president of the union is now negotiating with Crucible Steel and that he continually consults with the Club Members on policy - and also that he reports back to the Communist Club the result of his negotiations.

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Homestead according to the reports is not doing so good and as far as McKees Rocks is concerned it hasn't been functioning at all ~~ix~~ since [] left town. --

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From the discussion to we learn that the work in the District will largely be patterned after the ~~IX~~ Crucible-Lawrenceville-E.E. system. That is that Community Clubs, the I' O, sympathetic groups and organizations will work on Steel Concentration.

Roy finally used the last few minutes of the evening to let the comrades know that a new budget is being set up which will be \$2000 higher than the previous years budget. No action was taken on same. This concluded the meeting of the evening at 11 :05.

Sunday Feb. 2nd.:

Most of those who attended Saturday nights meeting attended and in addition the following who were not present Saturday night.

[redacted] Phil Bart (Phila. Dist. Org.)

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[redacted] Jack Stachel (NATIONAL COMMITTEE)

And then there were some additional from the Students Groups.

In the days sessions there were reports by Roy Hudson, Phil Bart, [redacted] and Jack Stachel. --

[redacted] the morning sessions and [redacted] the afternoon sessions. Roy's remarks were pretty much of a rehash of the doings the past six months or so. Phil Bart gave a report on their activities in the Philadelphia District on the FEPC, their fight against the KKK and also stressed the importance of the districts working together on certain issues. [redacted] report was also a report of past activities he did mention that about 70% of the membership is registered so far or 671 - registration has been extended to Feb. 12th and by that time the district expects to have registered 730. - so xxx for 100 of 161 steel workers have been registered and 42 of 70 negro comrades have been registered.

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A Report by [] on the District Board was given and in this report it was recommended that a district organizer be put on the payroll - - the report also recommended that the City Committee be reconstituted. --

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Material distributed at the meeting is enclosed --

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Phil Bart also said that we are proposing that a 4 page/edition of the Worker be established.

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Meeting of Committee to discuss meeting^{ORIGINALLY} scheduled for Feb. 14th.

A meeting was held in the office of the Communist Party Office on Friday afternoon at 1 P.M. to discuss plans for the planned meeting

[redacted] Matt Cvetic and [redacted] participated at the committee.

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[redacted] reported that Gene Dennis was not available for the 21st of February and the feeling of the board was that Feb 14th was too soon to prepare for a broad meeting. It was therefore proposed by the board that a meeting be held on SUNDAY MARCH 2nd. and that we have Perry Winston as the principal speaker. As to the character of the meeting the committee decided that it would be recommend to the Board, which will meet next Wednesday, that it should be a forum type of meeting - one speaker from the Dist. to speak about 15 minutes - and that Winston should speak 45 minutes and have a 45 minute question period. The meeting would ~~also~~ be used to bring clarity of the party line to the members, sympathizers and those who are close to the party.

On arrangements it was decided that the meeting be held at the Frick School on Thackeray St. and that Matt Cvetic and [redacted] arrange for the school. Tickets will be .50¢.

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The meeting will further be used to build the party for a large Mass Meeting on ABOUT MAY 1ST (MAY DAY MEETING) AT WHICH GENE DENNIS WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.

Further discussion centered around committees and it was decided that the Org-Ed committee be responsible for the Arrangements - [redacted] was selected to be in charge of Fall Arrangements, Matt Cvetic in charge of tickets. [redacted] who works in the [redacted] is to help him)

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[redacted] will be asked to work on the Committee also.

The business concluded with these sketchy arrangements.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 6, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are informant's reports dated February 26 and February 27, 1947. Also attached are exhibits which were furnished by the above captioned informant.

This memorandum should be serialized into the master file on the informant, 67-2584. The attached informant's reports and the attached exhibits should not be serialized or blocked stamped.

The informant has also furnished an eight page mimeographed manuscript captioned "Report of Comrade Roy Hudson to the Enlarged District Conference Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, February 2, 1947".

This exhibit has been placed in file 100-577, the organizational file on the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

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IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIPS -- A SPECIAL REPORT

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It has been brought to my attention that ~~xxxx~~ starting immediately the Communist Party in this District will discontinue entirely the use of the names of the membership on any documents.

This is a change in policy.

Effective with the recent registration the members were all assigned numbers at large but party cards, receipts etc were made out in the names of the members.

Effective immediately the practice of using names of the members on any documents, cards, papers etc will be discontinued. All members of Clubs will be ~~xxxxxxx~~ designated by number. That is each club will number each member separately for i.e. members in the ~~McKxxxxxxkxxxxx~~ Squirrel Hill Club will be numbered 1-2-3-4 on ~~xxxxxx~~ so on up to the last member -- And then numbering in other clubs will be in the same way 1-2-3-4 -- It is possible that some local variations may be developed but the indications are definite that further efforts are under way to strengthen the security of the party in this District.

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The Public Forum at which HENRY WINSTON is speaking will be held MARCH 9th. It was originally scheduled for March 2nd and that is the date on the tickets.

DO THIS

1. Change the date on your tickets from March 2nd to MARCH 9th.
2. Notify anybody you have sold tickets to of this change.

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As you know the purpose of this meeting is to present some of the fundamental principles upon which our present policy is based and to give those who attend an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from an authoritative spokesman of our Party.

Make sure you reserve this date. Attend this meeting and bring your friends.

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PUBLIC FORUM
HENRY WINSTON - SPEAKER
SUNDAY - MARCH 9 1947 - 7 30PM
FRICK SCHOOL
ADMISSION 50c

P.S. To those of our members who have not received tickets, we are enclosing some in this notice.

You will find _____ tickets for the meeting.

February 11, 1947

Dear Comrade:

[redacted] 2/15/47

The next meeting of the Org-Ed Committee will be held on Saturday, February 15th at 12:30 P.M. at the District office. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Personnel Problem.
2. Report of Committee on Organization.
3. Manual for Membership Secretaries.

It is proposed that the Committee consider the following time allotment for the points. The first, which is a continuation of the discussion involving Comrades [redacted] -- 1 hour; the second, which is the report of the committee of three that was set up to bring in recommendations on the Org Committee and the City Council -- 2 1/2 hours; the third point is proposed only from the viewpoint of adopting procedure in connection with the issuance of the manual and therefore should take no longer than 15 minutes.

Comradely yours,

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February 11, 1947

Dear Comrade:

[redacted] 2/15/47

The next meeting of the group that has been discussing legislative problems will be held on Friday, February 14th at 10 A.M. at the District office. I

If for any reason it is impossible for you to be there, please be sure to let us know immediately.

Comradely yours,

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(Excerpts on organization from the document submitted to the District Board by the Committee of three).

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ORGANIZATION

1. The conclusion of the Buro that Pittsburgh needed a full-time Party organizer was a correct one. Experience has shown however that the stage has been reached where the immediate establishment of a leading committee, elected by the city council, is necessary if the collective leadership to the problems of Pittsburgh is to be given and if more of the forces in Pittsburgh are to be involved in activity and given an opportunity to develop.
2. Responsibility for the District org work and functioning of the org committee cannot continue to be a secondary assignment of the person in charge as has been the case for some months. Experience has shown that not only does organizational work in this district require a comrade with the strongest possible organizational abilities but that this should be the major assignment of such a comrade. This is doubly true in view of the fact that a general characteristic of all Buro members is that all-around organizational ability and experience in a party sense is not the strongest point of any member. Undoubtedly a review of the experiences of the org committee's work can lead to a strengthening - but it is equally true that finding a suitable person to place in charge of this field of work is imperative.
3. Lack of time and information prevented the committee from forming any opinion on whether a change in the organizational set-up of the 33rd District is required. This is one of the questions that must be examined without delay in determining what steps are needed to improve the work in this area generally and to be sure that we have guarantees that the strongest possible leadership will be given to the clubs in this area.

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At the last meeting of the Org-Ed committee, it was decided that I draw up a memorandum on the major problems of organization facing our district as a basis for discussion at the next meeting of the committee. In the course of the discussion at the District Bureau, these problems have been raised but no discussions have been specifically on them or any decisions arrived at. This memo will therefore attempt to do two things: First, state the problems as they were raised at the Board; secondly, express my own opinion regarding these problems. In reading over this memo, the comrades should bear in mind the limitations imposed on any document which is the product of only one individual comrade.

In the course of the District Bureau discussions, it was decided to set up a committee of three to draft a document which would evaluate the work of the Board and have this evaluation presented to the entire Party. The Committee has drafted such a document, which has not yet been fully discussed by the Board. Part of the document deals briefly with major organizational problems. This part of the document I am including as part of this memo, with the consent of the committee, for the information of the org-ed committee. The problems listed in that document are the main ones I want to deal with. In this connection, the comrades should give serious consideration to the following question. We face many organizational problems in our district. If we attempt to discuss them all, our discussion will not prove very fruitful. The key to the solution of the most important organizational problems lies in tackling the three questions raised in the board discussions and dealt with in the attached document.

Before dealing specifically with these three questions, I would like to make a few general remarks which should be borne in mind in the course of our discussions.

1. To adequately tackle these problems, they must be seen in their proper relationship to the major ^{political} problems of the Party and as part of a struggle to establish a correct political outlook toward the building of the Party organization. In this connection, the single, outstanding problem must be to close the gap between the political work of the District and the terrific weaknesses existing in the realm of organizational work.

2. The solution of these organizational problems must be seen as part of a process that will help the Party to become a fighting organization of mass action. Unless this is understood, there is a danger that these organizational questions will become an end in itself and influence the Party toward dealing primarily with its internal problems rather than basing the solution of all its problems on its efforts to root itself among the masses of people.

3. In dealing with these immediate problems we should recognize that, inherent in them are also problems which have existed in our District for many long years. To cite but one example. Over many years, the Pgh District worked primarily through leading comrades and individuals, rather than on the basis of building up the authority of Party committees and leading bodies. If we do not bear these background problems in mind, our discussion will be a very superficial one. To get at the roots of our immediate problems, we also have to try to find the answer as to why our District has not been able to solve these basic problems of Party organization over such a long period.

Since the question may occur to the comrades reading this, I would like to say that I raise these few fundamental questions in order to ~~EXXEXEXEX~~ stimulate thinking on them and not in order to provide answers in this memorandum. That properly belongs in our discussion and in that discussion I intend to tackle some of these questions. Now, specifically, to the three main questions.

1. The Org-Ed Committee

Last May the Org-Ed committee was reorganized during the discussions held with Comrade Williamson on the set-up of the District organization. At that time the function of the org-ed committee was defined as being one of specializing in the major fields of Party organization and education (mass agitation, finances, membership, literature, etc.) and that the committee's work should be devoted toward building up activity and an apparatus in these specific fields of work.

In reviewing the work of the org-ed committee since May, the main feature that stands out is that the org-ed committee did not succeed in accomplishing these objectives, functioning as an org-ed committee in line with the concept that was developed. Only in the field of membership work can any organization and important achievements be recorded. It should also be recognized that while there was no fundamental progress

In organizing our educational work yet certain important achievements were carried th
in this field of work. However, as regards the organization of the work around finances
the Daily Worker and literature, no progress was made. In developing these aspects of
work on an organized basis. - (Membership - Finance - DW - Literature - Education) - Pol. Action - Legislative

In view of these facts the question presents itself: Was the concept of the functioning
of the org-ed committee a correct one, meeting the needs of the specific situation existing
in our district? My opinion is that it was a correct concept. However, as in many other
questions it was developed and carried out in a one-sided manner and this fact placed major
obstacles before the work of the org-ed committee. What are some of the problems that
reflected this one-sided approach?

1. There was no consideration given as to how the comrades working on the org-ed
committee could become integrated as part of the political leadership of the Party.

As a result there was a gap created between the general political work of the Party
and the specific fields of work that the comrades on the org-ed committee were responsible
for. This was even more aggravated by the fact that there was no executive committee
in the city organization so that the comrades doing org-ed work truly found themselves
confronted with a political vacuum.

2. In making the decision that the city secretary of Pittsburgh should also be the
chairman of the org-ed committee, no consideration was given to the fact that a person in that
position would be confronted with very aggravated problems because of the fact that no
organizational apparatus existed in the district and that the task of building one required
the full-time attention of one individual, comrade. This problem also became terrifically
aggravated because of the abolition of the city executive committee which meant that
there was no collective instrument which would assist and work with the city secretary
in coping with the problems of the city organization.

3. There wasn't sufficient thought given to a complex problem which must be faced
in our district namely, the relationship between the city organization and the rest of the
district. Actually, the city of Pittsburgh must have as one of its functions to become a
basis of operation for the rest of the district. Specifically this means that the
organization in pgh must be built up to the point where it can provide the

In the light of our situation, the specific problem that presents itself is that all District Committees established in one or another phase of work become essentially City Committees in the sense that their actual work is done primarily in the City. The problems created by this fact must be seriously considered for, basically, they affect the actual role that the Org.-Ed Committee can play on a District scale.

There are two other thoughts I want to express in connection with the above problems. One relates to our inability to solve the problem and personnel and find forces for important phases of work. It's true that this is not a new problem in our District. But, there is one aspect of the problem we must begin to face squarely. There is an opinion that is openly expressed among many comrades that the District leadership functions in such a manner that comrades in the clubs and lower leadership are not given any opportunities to assume responsibilities and develop in leading positions. I feel that the District leadership must look into this problem and if there is the slightest merit to the criticism, take immediate steps to change this situation at once.

I am strongly in favor of one comrade to be in charge of organizational work as a major assignment. But, before any decisions of any kind are arrived at, it is imperative that we discuss what the role of such a comrade must be, not generally, but specifically and from the view-point of what the requirements of our situation necessitate. Unless we do this, the decisions we arrive at will be one-sided and not result in the solution of the real problems that confront us.

2. City Organization

It is my opinion that we made a mistake last May in deciding to abolish the City Executive Committee. This, too, reflected a one-sided and shortsighted outlook toward such questions. I think we were entirely too slow in recognizing the situation for it became obvious that it was an acute problem.

many months ago. For this, I must assume the major responsibility. Before any final decision is made on establishing such a leading committee in the city, there must be a thorough discussion on what role it should play and what should be its most suitable form of organization. In this connection, the greatest thought should be given to what the relationship must be between the District Board and such a City Committee.

3. 33rd Congressional District Section.

I want to refer the comrades to the third point listed in the document submitted to the District Board. I think we should begin our discussion on the 33rd section, even if only in a limited manner, at this meeting of the Org.-Ed. Committee. In this discussion there are two questions, among others, that I think we ought to find an answer to.

1. Is a Section Committee the most effective means of providing leadership in the Section?

2. Is it necessary to have, and would it strengthen the work of our Party, a closer working relationship between the City organization and the 33rd Section?

On procedure: In order to give the comrades a chance to think about the best means of conducting our discussion, I propose that we have a question period for as long as is necessary and then proceed to discuss each of the three questions by itself.

HANDBOOK FOR 1947

FIRST DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

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The greatest treasure of the Communist Party is its membership. The number, quality, stability and composition of this membership is a determining factor in the success or failure of the Party's work. Every member, even the most insignificant one, has a task to perform that no one else could do in his stead. Every member of the Party must be helped to make his particular contribution to our common goal.

Membership work therefore is an important political-organizational function of the Party. It requires a mature understanding of the political situation at any particular time as well as an understanding of people and their individual problems. It requires good judgement, organizational ability, an orderly way of working, and first and foremost, unquestionable loyalty to our Party and the working-class movement. The mistaken interpretation of membership work as merely a clerical task or book-keeping of dues payments has a disastrous consequences, reflected in large turnover of membership, lack of correct utilization of the members, bad habits of attendance and work, development of secret grievances which might lead to inactivity and even to inimical attitudes and actions.

In the decisive historical period in which we are living, the importance of membership work cannot be underestimated. Neither can the selection of comrades who perform this important function be haphazard and their training inadequate. The membership committee of the district of Western Pennsylvania has set itself the goal of building a department that is worthy of the task assigned to it. This handbook is the first step in a training program planned by this committee.

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Function of the Membership Committee and Membership Department

Membership work is a specialized assignment handled exclusively by the membership department. The membership department is composed of the membership committee, the membership secretaries of the clubs and some selected comrades who have special assignments to perform.

The membership department is headed by the district membership director, appointed by the district board, who acts as the chairman of the district membership committee. The chairman carries on the work of the committee between meetings, sees that decisions are carried out and is empowered to make decisions, but all major decisions are subject to review by the committee.

The district membership committee is composed of the district membership director, the section membership directors and some other comrades particularly suited and appointed by the district organization committee to do this work. The district membership committee formulates particular policies in regard to membership work within the framework laid down by the Party constitution, the national office, the district board and the district organization committee. It outlines plans for work, develops procedures, checks on the execution of decisions and is responsible for all membership work to the district organization committee and the district committee and board.

In order to insure proper functioning, the membership committee's decisions and procedures are not subject to over-ruling by any individual, regardless of the office that he holds. Exceptions from rulings may be asked from the committee and decisions may be appealed to the district organization committee or the district control commission, depending on the nature of the matter.

The membership committee holds two meetings a month. One of these is enlarged with the participation of club secretaries who live within a reasonable distance. The purpose of the enlarged meeting is primarily to plan the work and to check on progress. It also serves as a check on the practicability of the committee's

Recruiting

Building the Party is the most important task of every Communist. Not the comrades assigned to membership work have special responsibilities. They must see that recruiting becomes part and parcel of all Party activity, that it is done correctly -- that is, the recruit knows what he is joining, and we know at least a minimum about the person who joins -- and that the new members are integrated into the Party organization.

Here are some basic recommendations in regard to recruiting:

1. What must the applicant know about us? He must at least know:
 - a. that we are a working class Party and that our ultimate aim is to realize Socialism in the United States.
 - b. that every member must pay dues and attend meetings as a minimum obligation.
 - c. that we are a disciplined body, the members of which are expected to undertake assignments and sometimes must be prepared for sacrifices.
2. What must we know about the applicant before signing him up? The person who recruits him should find out:
 - a. his address and whether he lives in a private residence, apartment, or rooming house.
 - b. whether he is married, lives in his own apartment, lives with relatives or strangers, and whether it is safe to send mail to his address.
 - c. what is his national origin and does he read English at least moderately.
 - d. what is his occupation, where does he work, what union and mass organization does he belong to; is he respected by his fellow workers in these organizations and does he hold office and what kind?
 - e. does he read the Worker or one of the language papers and is he acquainted with any basic Party literature.
 - f. what does he know about the work and organization of the Party.
 - g. why does he want to join the Party.
3. How do we go about signing up a new member?
 - a. An application card is filled out by the applicant. He pays 50¢ initiation fee, which is returned to him if his application is rejected.

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- b. The application card is endorsed by a member in good standing of the Communist Party, who with this act assumes the responsibility for recruiting the new member.
- c. The application card is presented to his club by the endorser. This is the time when he should tell the branch the facts enumerated in point 2. He should also express his opinion as to what the club may expect from the new member. Note that it is poor practice to discuss the application of an individual in his presence. Usually such a discussion should take place before the recruit is invited to attend.
- d. The club votes on the acceptance of the applicant. If accepted, the club membership secretary takes the application card and the initiation fee. The recruit is invited to the next meeting. The endorser is responsible to bring him at least to the first meeting after his application has been accepted.
- e. It is good practice to introduce the new member to the club membership when he first comes and extend a welcome to him. He receives his membership book only after he attended one meeting of the club.
- f. The membership secretary of the club writes into the application card some information for which no provision has been made in printing, such as the age of the new member, whether he is Negro or white, and whether he is a veteran of World War II. The application card and the initiation fee then is turned over to the section membership director or the district membership director.
- g. The membership secretary of the club should pay special attention to the new member until he becomes really a part of the organization. The secretary should enlist the help of the person who recruited the new member to achieve this purpose.
- h. Care should be taken to avoid the two extremes in handling new members; either not assigning them any tasks or assigning them too much or too responsible and advanced functions. This is especially important in case of Negro comrades. We have driven some very good people out of the Party with the mistaken zeal of advancing them too rapidly, beyond their development and practical capacity. Discussions on assigning a new member to a particular task should be held in the club executive. The club executive should insist on such discussion even if the assignment is contemplated by a higher Party body, such as section or district committee. The club membership secretary is responsible for insuring the correct approach to the new member.
- i. If the new member does not live in the neighborhood where the club into which he was recruited functions, or does not work in the industry in which the club works, he should be transferred to the appropriate club after he has been accepted into the Party. Such transfer, of course, must go through the regular channels as described later in this Handbook. In some cases,

particularly when a person works in an industry in which there is a functioning shop unit, it is advisable to discuss him before he has been accepted into the Party, even though the comrade who recruits him does not belong to this shop club. The section or district membership directory will arrange gladly for such a discussion when requested.

Dues Payment

Dues payment is not a voluntary contribution to support the Party financially. The amount of dues paid does not depend on the individual's generosity. Dues is an expression of belonging to the organization. It stands for loyalty, and prompt payment is an expression of Party consciousness. It is for this reason that the collection of dues is retained as a task of the membership department when all other financial matters are relegated to the finance department and apparatus.

Here are a few basic procedures in regard to dues payments:

- a. All members must pay their dues to their club membership secretaries. If possible, dues should be paid at club meetings.
- b. Members should bring their membership books when paying dues, so that dues stamps can be affixed to them. The membership book is the property of the Communist Party and each member is responsible for his own book to the Party. The club secretary is not permitted to hold the book of any other comrade. Loss of books is considered a serious breach of discipline as it leaves the way open for the operation of the enemies of the Party. Club secretaries should check from time to time whether the members have their books.
- c. The club membership secretary must give in every instance a receipt for dues received. Copies of receipts must be kept for auditing, which will take place twice a year.
- d. Members at large pay dues directly to the district or section membership director. NO OTHER OFFICER MAY ACCEPT DUES FROM ANYONE except where specific assignments have been made by the district membership committee, such as at times of auditing.
- e. All membership secretaries should keep a record of the dues standing of each comrade. Instructions on how such records should be kept will be given in person to the secretaries. The procedures were established by the district membership committee, but for reasons of expediency it was decided not to include them into this handbook.
- f. Dues payments by membership secretaries to the district must be made at least once a month and dues envelopes should be used for this purpose. Where there is a section membership director, the club secretaries make payments to him and he turns over the payments to the district. Clubs that do not belong to an established section pay directly to the district.

If the office hours of the District membership director are not convenient, efforts should be made to obtain special appointments. Avoid if possible sending money or other membership material through intermediaries, as membership work is a specialized field and the comrades in charge carry the responsibility for any slip up, no matter who caused it.

5. Payments should be marked clearly in the receipt book to facilitate auditing. The percentage withheld from dues for club purposes must be promptly turned over to the club financial secretary. The membership secretary does not handle any money or collections other than dues. This is a decision of the district board.

Transfers

A comrade, for some legitimate reason, wants to leave his branch and join another. His reason may be that he moved from one part of the city or country to another, or that he has changed his working place, or that he was given a special assignment. How is this transfer made effective?

1. First, the comrade must obtain a release from his club. No comrade may be transferred before the unit has voted to release him.
2. When the release is granted, the club membership secretary makes out a printed transfer card (but leaves the unit to which the comrade is to be assigned blank) and signs the lower half of the transfer card to attest that the release has been given to the comrade. This lower half is given to the member who wants to transfer and he will present this to the branch to which he goes after he receives the assignment.
3. The top part of the transfer card is filled out by the secretary of the club, but is not signed by her and is forwarded to the section or district membership director who will make the assignment. NO ONE ELSE MAY MAKE SUCH ASSIGNMENTS. No exceptions are made to this rule. We must be careful to not give the impression that we have first class and second class members and some are exempt from our rules and procedures. Leading comrades and comrades assigned to units for special work must also abide by this rule. The higher Party committee should inform the section or district membership director of the decision.

4. If the club does not want to release the comrade asking for a transfer, he may take recourse by appealing to the district membership committee. The decision of this body is final unless appealed by the club to the district organization committee.

5. NO ONE BUT THE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MAY TRANSFER COMRADES OUT OF THE DISTRICT OR ACCEPT COMRADES INTO THE DISTRICT FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. In view of the rapidly ~~sharp~~ sharpening political situation, this rule must be adhered to strictly. Violations of this rule will be brought to the immediate ~~the~~ attention of the District control commission.

6. It is good practice for the district or section membership director to inform the club to which the comrade is transferred about his past activities, political contributions, etc. so that the club should know what to expect from its newly assigned member. This should not be, however, the secretarie's personal opinion, but the evaluation of the club or section ~~based on~~ committee.

7. It is good practice for the section or district membership director to have a personal interview with the comrade to be transferred. In some cases, however, it is not practicable to make the assignment directly and in these instances the section or district membership director may send the assignment through the club membership secretary.

Attendance

"The Party is not only the vanguard, the class-conscious detachment of the working class, but also an organized detachment of the working class, with its own discipline, which is binding on its members. Hence, Party members must necessarily be members of some organization of the Party" (History of CPUSA. p. 47)

It is obvious therefore that a Communist Party cannot be imagined in which members decide upon attendance or non attendance individually as a matter of convenience. A Communist Party could not function at all if it would allow such an anarchistic principle to govern its organization. And yet, we all know that something like this is the condition that we face today in our district.

Now that our Party is emerging from the fog of revisionism, we have a better chance to make all members understand the compelling necessity of participation in the life and work of the Party. Supporting membership, consisting of dues payment alone or occasional attendance of a meeting, has been a cancer inflicted upon us by Browder revisionism. Without the full participation of all members we cannot fulfill our role as the vanguard of the working class, we cannot act "as one" for a common purpose and with the discipline that characterizes most Communist Parties and has won for them the admiration of the common peoples of their lands.

Improved attendance therefore is the number one political-organizational task of every secretary in 1947. It also constitutes the biggest problem they face because of the accumulated bad habits acquired in the past years. The following are but a few steps developed through the experience of 1946 in clubs where attendance has been improved. But the discussion is still wide open. Many ideas and methods will have to be developed and tried before we can say that we solved this burning problem.

Political prerequisite: The club must become a live center of communist activity and education. The meetings of a club are as interesting as its activity is. Dull meetings that discourage attendance are always a sign that communist work is lagging.

Organizational Steps:

1. The club membership secretary must keep exact attendance records of every meeting. Members should be helped to acquire the habit of calling the secretary in advance if they must miss a meeting and give their reasons. (This has been successfully introduced in at least two fair-sized clubs.)
2. The club membership secretary should check immediately if a member did not attend and has not sent word in advance. If a person repeatedly absents himself from meetings, it is the secretary's duty to find out the reasons and bring these to the attention of the executive committee and sometimes to the attention of the club. Reasons for non-attendance might be political or personal, the cause might be found in the club,

in the individual member, or in outside circumstances. The club executive must seriously tackle these problems and solve them to the best of their ability. Often a member will be helped just by observing the conscientious efforts the club makes on his behalf, enabling him to function as a communist should in spite of obstacles and limitations.

3. If a comrade knows in advance that he cannot participate in the activities of the club for a longer period than one or two meetings, he should request a leave of absence from the club, submit this request to the executive and the club through the membership secretary. Leading comrades are not exempt from this rule, nor does important mass organization work or assignment by higher committees to a particular job make such a request unnecessary. As quoted at the outset of this section, each member must belong to an "organization" of the party, which in everyday language, means a club. The more important the work of a comrade the more essential that the club should know that he is not taking liberties, but his absences are for good reasons. The attitude that the club should know anyhow is inexcusable.

4. If the club refuses a leave of absence, this may be appealed to the district membership committee.

Termination of Membership

According to our constitution, after missing three months of dues payment a member is no longer in good standing and after missing six months, he is eligible to be dropped from the rolls. This rule will have to be enforced more strictly than before, but at the same time, the clubs and especially the membership secretaries are charged with the responsibility of doing everything in their power to bring the comrade to good standing and avoid the need to drop them.

There might be other reasons why a comrade is ~~eligible~~ eligible for dropping, such as his own request or statement that he does not wish to remain a member, a personal behavior which, while not of such a nature that it necessitates expulsion, might create serious political problems. For example, a person's behavior makes it obvious that he is psycho-neurotic. Of course, the club cannot pass judgement on

his mental or nervous condition, but good common sense will often recognize when a person -- even unintentionally -- might become a hazard to the club's functioning. Family connections, family opposition, bad personal relations, etc. that threaten with ~~political~~ political consequences might make consideration of dropping an individual member.

The procedure for this type of termination of membership, which does not relate to major political matters or anti-Party notions is as follows:

- a. The membership secretary of the club assembles all facts and presents the case to the club executive. Any member of the club may bring such a matter to the executive's attention through the secretary, who must check the facts.
- b. If the executive committee is in favor of dropping the member, this recommendation is presented to the membership, which votes on it.
- c. The club membership secretary must inform the member dropped in writing of this decision in the name of the club, and should submit a copy of this letter for the files of the district membership committee. This letter also must state that the member to be dropped has a right to appeal the club's decisions to the district control commission (Cabe Aish, chairman, Jim Dolsen, secretary).

The reason for this strict procedure is that all reapplications for membership from now on must be approved by the district control commission and knowing when, where and for what reasons members were dropped will greatly facilitate the work of this important commission. (The procedure for reapplication to the Party will be sent to the secretaries by the control commission).

Expulsion

Besides dropping a member from the rolls, there is another way in which membership is terminated, namely expulsion. The constitution of the Party gives in article # IX the basic grounds for expulsion. The following behavior of a member necessitates procedures that might lead to expulsion:

acts inimical to the Party
 refusal to abide by Party decisions
 factional activities
 misuse of Party funds
 personal and political opportunism
 personal behavior that engenders political problems, such as habitual drunkenness,
 promiscuity, dope habits, criminal acts, etc.
 indiscretion that creates opportunities for persecution or for the work of the
 enemies of the Party, such as loss of membership lists, minutes, etc.

The procedure for expulsion of a Party member will be sent to the secretaries when the District control commission has finished discussion on the matter. If, however, there should be cases pending in the meantime, the secretary should discuss the matter with the district membership director who will advise on temporary proceedings satisfactory to the control commission.

Mirking the problem of individuals who have no place in our Party is irresponsible. "Let someone else bring him up on charges" is just as poor an attitude as it is to create suspicion around an innocent member. We must avoid both extremes and handle the question of cleansing the Party with the seriousness and caution that such an important step deserves.

Contacts

Most of our "contacts" come through friends, acquaintances in clubs. Some are made through the distribution of literature and the Daily and Sunday Worker. In the natural course of work well done the members of a club will get better acquainted with these people until they know enough about them to judge whether to invite them to join our Party.

Some inquiries come directly to the Party office, however, either by mail, telephone or in person. Some persons wish to know more about the Party, others want to join; while others merely hang around the office with good or bad intent, ~~curiously~~ curiously watching the way in which our comrades work.

All contacts, whether they are brought to us by a member or come directly must be followed up. If the comrade who is first approached is not in a position to give the matter serious consideration or does not have the time or opportunity to find out the facts about the person and his purposes, the contact should be forwarded to the

section or district membership director, who will assign the most appropriate person to follow up.

NO STRANGER SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO HANG AROUND THE OFFICE FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD. The staff should politely but firmly ask them to leave.

If persons come to the office they should be referred to the district membership director. If office hours are not convenient, the name, address and telephone of the inquirer should be recorded and given to the membership director who will make a special appointment.

The Membership Secretary

The national organization department of the Communist Party in a recent letter signed by Comrade Henry Winston, organizational secretary, has described the assignment of membership secretary as follows:

"Membership secretary -- responsible for the problems of membership and personnel; the attendance at club meetings; the systematic building of the club, the involvement of the new members in club activities; the improvement of the quality of work of all members; and shall assist the club chairman in the execution of decisions and campaigns"

The increasing importance of functions of the membership secretary and the increasing seriousness of the times in which we must function, makes it necessary to consider the selection of these comrades very carefully.

All members of the club executive committee must be from among the most loyal, responsible and developed comrades. The secretary in addition must have qualities of stability, good judgement and an ability to understand people. In general, to qualify for this office, the secretary must have been 2 years in the Party. (occasional exceptions might be made for good reasons) His Party record must be impeccable and continuous. After election, he will have to fill out a questionnaire that will be reviewed by the district control commission. Until the OK of this commission is given, the secretary is functioning in a temporary position.

It is a great honor as well as responsibility to be entrusted with the care of the Party membership. The comrades holding this important office must form the backbone of what we hope will become the real Bolshevik party of the United States. They must lead the way first of all by the example of their political activities, personal life, their patience and understanding, their helpfulness toward solving the problems of the members -- and above all by a continuous application to master Marxism-Leninism which will enable them to do their work according to the high standards set for them by our National Committee.

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Dear Comrade:

Please read over the following questions carefully and answer them to the best of your ability. You have been elected to an important office by the membership of your club and therefore we wish to acquaint ourselves better with you. Please keep this questionnaire confidential and return it to us through your District Membership Director. We trust that you will carry on your work in the same excellent spirit that elected you and gained you the confidence of the membership.

Name _____ Address _____

Club _____ Section _____

Date of meeting when elected. _____

Occupation _____ Industry _____

Trade Union (give name and local number) _____

Other Mass organizations _____

Veteran of World War I _____ World War II _____ Spanish War _____

When did you join the Communist Party? _____

Who sponsored you? _____

What club did you join? _____

Why did you join?

Have you ever terminated your membership in the Party since you joined? _____

Give date _____ What was the reason?

When did you rejoin? _____ Who sponsored you? _____

What club _____ Was your reapplication discussed by any other

Party organization or committee? _____ If so, what one? _____

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What offices have you held in the Party since joining (or if you have a long Party career, in the last five years). For each give name of the office, when elected or appointed, date of termination and reason for termination.

Office	Dates	Why Terminated
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Have you at any time had charges brought against you in the Party? _____

Give date _____ What charges _____

How was the matter disposed?

What is your national origin? _____

What is or was your father's occupation? _____

Are or were your parents Party members? _____

Sympathizers? _____ Indifferent? _____ Hostile? _____

Is any other relative of your's a Party member? _____ Who and what relation? _____

Is any relative of your's hostile to the Party? _____ Explain in detail.

If you are married, what is your spouse's occupation? _____

Is he or she a Party member? _____ Sympathizer? _____ Indifferent _____ Hostile _____

Do you occupy a house or apartment by yourselves? _____

If you do not live with your family and do not have an apartment or house --

do you room in a private house or apartment? _____

in a rooming house? _____ Other arrangements ('describe)

Can you receive mail safely at home? _____

Can you keep Party literature at home? _____

Could you under normal circumstances keep confidential records at home? _____

Do you read English easily? _____

Do you read the Daily Worker regularly? _____ The Sunday Worker _____

Political Affairs? _____

Did you ever go to a Party training school? _____ Give date and place _____

Did you have any other Marxist-Leninist schooling? _____ Give date and place _____

Have you ever been arrested? _____ Give date or dates _____

Reasons: _____

Were you convicted? _____ What was the sentence? _____

Any explanations desired _____

Do you drink intoxicating beverages? Regularly _____ Often _____

Occasionally _____ Never _____

Do you gamble for money? Regularly _____ Often _____ Occasionally _____ Never _____

Signature _____

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 5, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

On February 17, 1947, above captioned informant furnished this office with copies of a leaflet by WILLIAM E. FOSTER entitled, "Workers Defend Your Unions." Informant indicated that several thousand were being distributed throughout Western Pennsylvania by the CP clubs and that complete steel mill and mine coverage would be tried.

The informant also furnished a three-page leaflet captioned, "Program of Action - Western Pennsylvania C.P. - Feb. - June."

The FOSTER pamphlets have been destroyed as numerous copies of this publication have been received by this office.

The leaflet on the "Program of Action" has been placed in file #100-8531.

Attached to this memo are:

- (1) STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES - JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31, 1946 as furnished by this informant.

This identical information has been furnished by other informants, and has been placed in file #100-8496.

- (2) THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1947 for District #5.

Identical copies of this proposed budget have been placed in file #100-8496.

- (3) A letter dated 1/27/47 from advising of a membership meeting to be held 2/5/47.

The attached exhibits as well as this memo should be placed in file #67-2584. The exhibits themselves should not be block-stamped but

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this memo should be serialized as one serial in file #67-2584.

Reports of informant dated 1/16/47 and 1/20/47 are also attached to this memo. These two last mentioned informant reports should not be block-stamped.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES -- JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31, 1946

Income:

Dues and Initiations			
Received	3965.47		
Pd. to N.O.	2390.31	1575.16	
National Office Subsidy		5200.00	
Sustaining Fund and Donations		649.65	
Press Fund Drive			
Received	2120.50		
Pd. to D.W.	1842.50	278.00	
District Fund Drive		4475.97	
Picnic		5544.27	
District Affairs		1210.47	
Literature		20.00	
Contributions for District Car		1400.00	
Miscellaneous		84.01	
Total Income		20437.53	20437.53

Expenses:

Wages	11012.08	
Weekly Expenses	1050.00	
Subsidy for Negro Work	780.00	
Meeting Expenses (Dis. Com. & Conferences)	227.16	
Office Rent	840.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	632.44	
Postage	284.91	
Office Supplies	335.67	
Car Repairs	591.60	
Travelling Expenses	912.28	
Taxes	407.45	
Radio	360.20	
Printing	595.65	
Daily & Sunday Worker (distribution)	293.45	
Subsidy for Education	647.00	
Donations and Gifts	65.35	
Purchase of Car (Washington County)	500.00	
Miscellaneous	205.78	
Work in Mining	30.00	
Loans	35.00	
Total Expenses	19806.02	19806.02
Excess of Income Over Expenses		631.51
Balance, January 1, 1946		553.41
Balance, December 31, 1946		1184.92

Language Commission of the Communist Party --
Meeting at office of IWO Thurs 4:15 PM 1/16/47

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The Language Commission of the CP held their regular meeting in the office of the IWO Columbia Bldg - 7th Floor with the following participating:

Roy Hudson,

[redacted]

Matt Cvetic,

[redacted]

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The agenda was/ as follows:

1. Next Meeting
2. Feb. 2 Conference
3. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Slav Conference Feb. 27
4. Registration.

On the Next Meeting it was decided to hold an enlarged meeting of the Nationality groups. This was proposed by Roy Hudson who stressed the importance of involving the Nationality groups ~~xxxx~~ in the Feb. 2nd. conference and also to get a bigger mobilization for the Slav Conference. After discussion it was decided to hold this meeting at the IWO Office on Thursday ~~xxx~~ Jan. 23rd at 7:30 P.M.

On the Slav Congress Matt Cvetic reported that 1200 Credentials went out to the Fraternal organizations and that some 4300 Tickets have been distributed on the Auto. He also said that he has been to meetings ~~xx~~ of Russians and the Slovaks and that they were very successful. He said credentials are already starting to come back. He also reported that a meeting of the Arrangements committee is being called for

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Friday night 1/17 and that in his opinion the following things should be stressed.

1. Importance of getting delegations elected to Conference scheduled Feb. 23rd.
2. He proposed that [redacted] committee composed of leaders such as [redacted] and others be organized ~~xxxxxxx~~ for the purpose of assuming the overall responsibility of the Conference.
3. He also proposed that the various committees be set up such as Publicity, Program etc to start actual work on the conference.
4. Stressed the importance of getting returns on raffle and also said that finances are not too good and efforts should be made to do something about them.
5. He further proposed that all of us cover meetings ~~xx~~ from now until the conference so we can be sure the Conference is on every agenda of our organizations and also to see that delegates are elected.

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Roy in his discussion remarked that a Political campaign must be conducted to convince the people of the importance of the conference. That questions should be raised by the speakers as to "Why we need a permanent Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania, and why it is important to have a Congress that will function day to day - That we must think in terms and educate the people to a different kind of a conference not one where we just pass resolutions. He also said we should develop a struggle around some issue - He further says the Conference should pay tribute to the American Slavs who gave their life in the fight against Fascism. - He said we must work for a mass conference and also stressed the importance of uniting our efforts (Slavs).

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On the final point on the agenda [redacted] made a report of the work on Registration in the Language groups and said that in Alliquippa none of the seven comrades there were re-registered - the Marmuras wouldn't do anything. She said on the other hand in Rural Ridge we have 17 members in the ~~xx~~ language groups who meet regularly. Matt ~~Grix~~ criticized the report of the Language Groups and also of ~~xx~~ those comrades who spread the attitude that the language comrades you can't do anything with.

He blamed the trouble on sectarian work of ~~them~~ some of the comrades.

She also said in a conversation to Roy Hudson who went into one of the next office to call New York (he requested this information while he held the line on the phone)-- that we have registered about 60% of our MEMBERSHIP SO FAR AND ROY SAID HOW MANY IS THAT AND SHE REPLIED 483. But she said it will be ~~xxxxxxx~~ much higher as there are many more promised. THIS IS FOR THE WESTERN PENNA. DISTRICT. * THESE RECORDS ARE IN HER BRIEF CASE.

The business having been completed the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Professional Branch of the Communist Party of W.Pa.
Some pertinent Data.

[redacted] 1/20/47

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[redacted] and Matt Cvetic had lunch at Dinlings Restaurant on Market St. on Monday Jan ~~20th~~ 20th., 1947 between 12:00 and 12:55 P.M. and from the conversation I was able to ~~ascertain~~ ^{ascertain} the following information.

[redacted] said she is teaching class at Carnegie Tech starting next week. The class will be for 5 days a week and start at approximately 1:30 P.M. - [redacted] further reports that the Professional club is composed of people in the ~~Scientist~~ ^{Scientist} field (2) Civil Service Employees, Musicians (2) presumably from the Pittsburgh Symphony, Technical persons. She reports that [redacted] and a fellow by the name of [redacted] an Engineer in a steelworks are members. [redacted] (this may not be his correct name may be employed at Irvin works of Carnegie Illinois as she reports that one of the members is from that Company. She also reports that the Musician members of the club will not be ~~able~~ able to attend meetings for the next few weeks as they will be on tour. (~~the~~ the Pittsburgh Symphony is starting a tour this week). Regular meetings are held at 440 Wood St. - 3rd Floor every other Monday night - on alternate Monday nights the executive committee meets - tonight is the meeting of the executive committee. - [redacted] from the Hagan Corp. ~~signed~~ registered for 1947. [redacted] further reports that she used to organize in a Federal Branch of the Communist Party -(Location unknown) She also said that [redacted] who is now employed at Slobodna Rec is a member of the Professional ~~Branch~~ Branch and it is very probable that Steve Loven may be a member as she often mentions contacts with him even though this may not be so. --

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she further said that [] need not worry about coming in the Club as all precautions are taken to guard against the exposure of the membership and that in the past few months there has been a general tightening up of the party organization.

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She said the activities of members is different from other branches in that they are not asked to engage in such activities as distributing papers or usual Party works. She said at present the Branch is busy organizing a liberal movement in Oakland and working with other liberal forces in that vicinity to hold meetings etc (not party meetings) progressive front meetings. She further stated that some of the activities of the Branch are carrying the Communist Party Line/^{by members} into their clubs, unions and so on - At present she said they are trying to organize support in their various ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ clubs, unions, organizations etc for ~~the~~ a State Rent Control Bill. She mentioned that [] (SCENA) was to meet her for lunch. - She said [] was a member of this Branch. Also she said the [] was also to be there but was out of town. - The luncheon concluded at 12:55

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January 27, 1947

Dear Comrade,

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The next meeting of the Membership Committee will take up two points which are of primary interest to the comrades on the Org. Committee: reorganization of the membership committee and the Handbook of Secretaries. In view of the fact that it seems as if the next two meetings of the org. committee were scheduled for other important matters and ~~that~~^{as} we feel that postponement on the two particular questions ~~mentioned~~ mentioned above would not be good, we cordially invite you to our meeting and ask you to bring with you your suggestions, questions, criticisms in regard to the draft of the Handbook.

If we could come to some joint conclusions on the handbook and perhaps even on the reorganization of the membership committee, ~~the~~ final action in the org. committee could be handled as a minor point on any agenda. The bulk of the discussion could be had at the membership committee meeting.

We haven't yet cleared with [redacted] ~~xxxxx~~ whether we could hold the meeting in her home but hope that it will be alright. So, unless you hear from us otherwise, the meeting will be at [redacted] at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5.

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Hoping that you can come and participate,

Comradely yours

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

February 5, 1947

TO BE DISCUSSED AT ALL CLUB EXECUTIVES

To All District Committee Members
Club Presidents

Dear Comrade:

Enclosed is a copy of the program of action adopted by the District Conference on February 1st and 2nd. In discussing this we want to urge you to single out for immediate action three important questions:

1. Organizing a distribution of the penny pamphlet by Foster on labor unity.
2. Getting Party and non-Party people to write letters to Congressmen and Senators on anti-labor legislation.
3. Organizing the sale of tickets for the March 2nd Forum by discussing and listing people and who will be assigned to contact them and bring them to this important meeting. This should be made the basis for the club's discussion on what prospects exist for recruiting in the club.

In addition, we would like to urge that if you have any questions to ask on the program of action, or want to discuss any specific ways in which the District Board can assist your club, please let us know. The District Board will give prompt attention to all such requests.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson
for the District Board

Enclosure

Pittsburgh, Pa.
March 5, 1947

MEMO FOR THE SAC:

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are reports and exhibits submitted by C-113. These items have been used as a basis of report in the case entitled "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C" and the names of individuals within the Pittsburgh Field Division included in these reports and exhibits have been indexed. It is, therefore, recommended that this memo and the attached reports and exhibits be filed in 67-2584.

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National Executive Office

205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. • MUrray Hill 3-0477

January 27, 1947

Mr. Matthew Cvetic, Sec'y
Amer. Slav Congress of Western Pa.
1005 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Matt:

You will be glad to know that [redacted] will be in
Pittsburgh on the 23rd; so will Leo.

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Enclosed is a list of our people who have indicated that
they will attend the National Committee meeting in
Pittsburgh on the 15th and 16th. Will you therefore
reserve rooms for them in Pittsburgh hotels; wherever
there is any choice, get single rooms with bath. Please
inform these people as to what reservations they have, in
order to avoid confusion Saturday morning when they arrive
in Pittsburgh. (We will give you additional names as we
get them.)

Keep us informed of developments there.

Fraternally yours,



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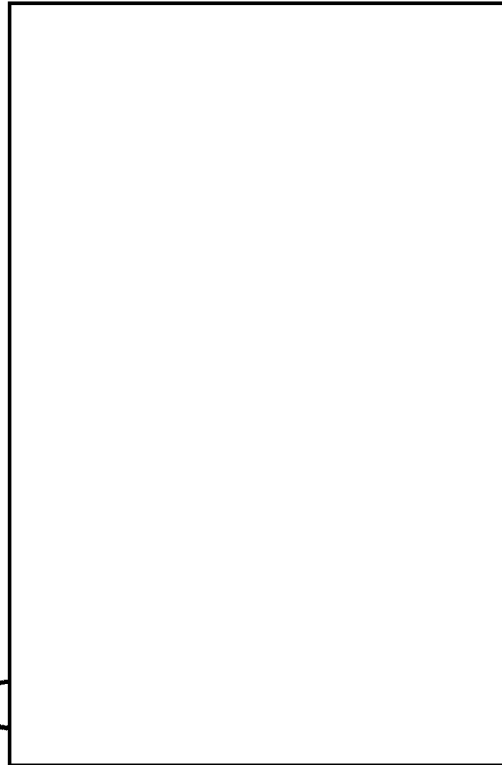
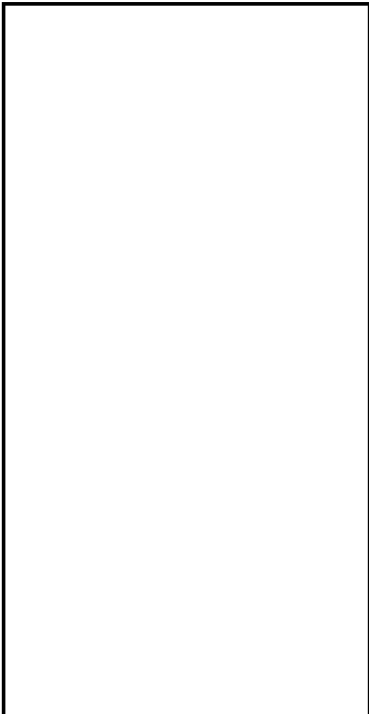
Make reservations for Feb. 14



Mr. and Mrs. Z. Balokovic (will probably
make their own
reservation.)



Mr. Joseph K. Hellmuth
2519 N. Washtenaw Ave.
Chicago, Ill.



Leo Krzycki



(make reservation for
Friday, Feb. 14)

The following are not sure yet; however
make the reservations. They can be
cancelled, or transferred to someone else
if necessary. -



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Minutes of Meeting of Arrangements Committee
Mayfair Hotel, 1/31/47

The agenda was as follows:

1. Checkup on Delegates,
2. Discussion on [redacted] Tour,
3. [redacted] Visit
4. Announcement of Leo Krzycki [redacted] Trip
5. Checkup on Raffle Tickets
6. Good and Welfare
7. Next Meeting.

Serbian:

[redacted] reporting for the Serbians said his organization will send out letters in a day or two asking them to elect delegates. He also reported that his district committee will elect delegates. [redacted] reported that [redacted] will elect 2 delegates and [redacted] reported that the Church in Southside will elect delegates and also that he heard that Local #1272 and Dist. 16 will act on delegates.

Croatian:

[redacted] reported that the American Youth Club "Unity" elected 6 delegates, that Lodge CFU #131 elected 2 that [redacted] elected 6; CFU Lodge #1 - 2 and Croatian IWO Lodge in Northside -3- He also reported that the Dalmatian Club of Pittsburgh will elect 3 delegates and that [redacted] Readers will elect 6.

Slovenes:

Matt Cvetic reported that the Western Penna. Federation ~~xxxx~~ of the SNPJ elected 3 delegates and also that the Westmoreland Col Federation of SNPJ elected delegates. [redacted] said that as far as he knew all SNPJ lodges except one will elect delegates.

Russians:

[redacted] said that they expect every lodge to elect delegates - Lodge #3008 already elected 3 delegates.

Polish:

[redacted] said that Polonia 3595, S.S. elected 2 delegates - He also reported that the District Committee of Polonia will send delegates. He suggested we send credentials to ~~xxxx~~ the ~~Polonia~~ Polish Falcons Lodge in Southside, to the Polish Alliance of America ZNP and to SPRZ - [redacted]

Ukrainians. [redacted] said that all the lodges in the District will elect delegates and also that the district committee would send delegates. So far Lodge #6058 elected 5 delegates and Lodge #1662 elected 2.

Slovaks: - No report. Czech: Matt Cvetic reported that Czech Society of America elected one delegate.

On General discussion it was suggested that Trade Unions be asked to send delegates and also Veteran Organizations.

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A discussion on the proposed [] tour was had and the consensus of opinion was that time was too short to organize any large mass meetings at present. The committee agreed that [] should be asked to come here and help with the organizational work and also to contact the Top Leadership of the American Slav Congress. It was further proposed that we think about asking [] to come here after the conference and arrange mass meetings in such towns as Johnstown, etc. and that this would help to keep the Congress going after the Conference. It was pointed out that we often have good Conference and then die out afterward. .

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On the Zlatko Balokovic visit it was proposed that a ~~Buffet~~ Reception be held with possibly a Buffet Lunch and invite prominent Americans and leading Slavs to the reception. A committee of []
[] Matt Cvetic was set up.

[] suggested that the Congress speak out on Veterans issues and also proposed that a Legislative committee be set up. Further proposal were for a Labor and Veterans ~~Roundtable~~ Panels. [] ~~proposed~~ announced that the Yugoslav Ambassador will speak at the meeting of the Serbian War Orphans Relief Committee in Southside on Sunday Feb. 2nd.

for the Congress

From the next meeting it was proposed that the Program/be the Agenda and that Committees be set up:

Speakers and Program
Resolution
Publicity,
Arrangements and Registration
Legislative
Others.

It was suggested that copies of the Belgrade Declarations be distributed at the conference.

The next meeting will be ~~held~~ Thursday Feb. 6th.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
1005 Berger Bldg., Pittsburgh

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Calling upon all Slavic organizations in Western Pennsylvania to join in "building a forward marching America" the American Slav Congress of Western Penna. invited all fraternal, church, cultural, labor, civic, veteran and other groups to send delegates to its Third Conference.

THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1947 in the Fort Pitt Hotel, English Room, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Well-known labor and Slavic leader, Leo Krzycki, who recently toured all of Europe, will be the keynote speaker at the Conference.

The Conference will highlight a report from the All-Slav Congress just concluded in December in Belgrade, to which Slavic representatives throughout the world gathered to discuss the plight and reconstruction problems of the Slavic lands, and the role of Slavic peoples in their contribution for world peace.

The Call to the Conference states: "We join with Henry A. Wallace, Senator Claude Pepper, Elliott Roosevelt and all progressive Americans who support the domestic new era begun by our late President and his foreign policy of Big Three Unity. We reject those who untruthfully and hysterically picture the Slavic Nations of Europe as a menace to America and the world. We are opposed to 'atom bomb diplomacy' and the policy which permits easy entry into our country of quislings, traitors and fascists. We condemn those who would use food and humanitarian aid as a political weapon against friendly nations...

"American Slavs have always been opposed to reaction which brings with it national and international chaos and war. They know ~~that America can only be strong and free if she follows the road of~~ political, cultural and economic progress at home and unites with other democratic peoples throughout the world who are working for permanent peace and security."

ALL ORGANIZATIONS ARE URGED TO ELECT DELEGATES IMMEDIATELY AND TO MAIL THEIR CREDENTIALS TO THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, 1005 Berger Building, Pittsburgh.

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February 4, 1947

Mr. Matthew Cvetic, Sec'y
Am. Slav Congress of Western Pa.
1005 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Matt:

Will you please make hotel reservations for the additional people listed below for February 15, and inform them so that they will know where to go on their arrival in Pittsburgh:

[Redacted]

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If a reservation was made for Louis Adamic, please cancel it; he informs us that he will not be able to attend the meeting.

Thanks for taking care of the above.

Sincerely,

*Read 2/10/47 V-2
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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNA.

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MINUTES OF 2/6/47 Meeting.

The minutes for the above meeting are enclosed -- The following attended the meeting which was held in the Club Room of the Mayfair Hotel:

Matt Cvetic, Secy.



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and two people from S.S. who came with [REDACTED] and one girl from the Polish IWO in Southside.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:20 -

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The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M.

The Secretary Mr. Cvetic reported the following delegates elected to date -
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[redacted] pledge that the Croats would have at least 100 delegates at
the Conference. - [redacted] said that the Russian Lodge in Molecs Rock elected
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[redacted] reported that local UK #610 elected 2 delegates.

On the speakers program it was recommended that [redacted] speak
and that one person from each Panel speak. - It was also proposed that Mayor
Lawrence be invited to the Congress. - Further it was proposed that [redacted]
be invited to the Conference.

The following Committees were proposed for the conference: Resolution, Finances,
Registration (Credential) Publicity, Arrangements. - It was proposed that a
Veterans and Labor Panel be set up. - Nomination Committee also proposed.
The following will be taken care of by Arrangements Comm.

- 1 Delegates Badges,
- 2 Slogans
- 3 United Nations Flags.

It was proposed that Sobczak make the Collection Speech.

It was further proposed that there be a Tribute to Veterans.
The names of [redacted] of Cheswick and [redacted] of 70 Beltshover, SS.
were added to the committee.

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Section of the American Slav Congress - Saturday
February 9, 1947 - TIO Office

The following attended a meeting of the Language Commission to discuss the American Slav Congress and its coming Conference scheduled for the Fort Pitt Hotel on Sunday Feb. 23, 1947.

[redacted] for the District Office of the CP

Matt Cvetic, Exec. Secy for the Amer. Slav Congress

[redacted]
[redacted] Ukrainian Sec. TIO

[redacted] Serbian TIO

[redacted] Croatian Language Press, Narodni Glasnik

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Matt Cvetic reporting for the Congress reported that so far the following Credentials have been received in the office -

Croatians 34 Slovenes 21 Serbians 14 All Slav 6

From the other nationality groups 2 or 3 from each. He reported that the Russians, Carpatho Russians and Poles are doing pretty good work and credentials should be forthcoming soon from these groups. The Slovaks he was not able to report what was going on and reported that only 2 delegates have been elected so far according to the credentials that have come in.-- From discussion we further learned that the Croats have pledged 100 or more delegates which will no doubt be realized; the Serbians 40, the Slovenes 50; the Slovaks 75 the Russians 30 and lesser numbers to the other groups. Numerically according to spotty checkup and reports indicate that the Conference will be successful. Discuss at length was the Political character of the program and several conclusions were drawn by [redacted] which will be included in the

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next report. [] raised the question that we must in the

~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ program extend the hand of friendship to our Slav

brothers across the sea as if we don't do it no one else will --

Matt Cvetic said the meeting on Thursday night discussed action on the Veterans program, housing, anti-labor legislation and rent

control. [] suggested that all those who went to the New York Congress in last year be invited as guests to the coming conference in a special letter which would invite them to come and hear the report of the All Slav Congress.

Matt in his remarks said that [] will be in Pittsburgh either Thursday or Friday of the coming week (2/13 or 2/14) (at present she is in Cleveland, Ohio from ~~xxxxx~~ where she called Matt today according to his remarks.

[] attended ~~this~~ this meeting in ~~xxxxxxx~~ absence of Roy Hudson who was supposed to be home sick for the past 3 days.

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[redacted] Pontiac, Mich.

[redacted] Bridgeport, Conn.

[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] New York City

[redacted] ~~xxx~~ Cleveland, Ohio.

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[redacted] New York City.

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and from Pittsburgh I saw the following Communist
Party Members participating.

[redacted] CFU [redacted] Serb.

[redacted] Slobodna, Rec. [redacted] Slob. Rec.

[redacted] Narodni Glasnik Matt Cvetic, Amer. Slav Cong.

[redacted] Narodni Glasnik [redacted] Slovene

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and non party people (that is to my knowledge)

[redacted] CFU [redacted] Slovene Home

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The meeting on Saturday was opened by the President Leo
Krrycki who welcomed the national committee members and whose
talk dealt principally with the anti-labor proposals before
Congress -- He mentioned that there were 212 anti-labor bills before
Congress the most vicious of which were Bills #OS124 which he said
would demolish the Wagner Act -- Bill SN105 anti-union bill of
Senator Ball. SN 133 Ball anti-Bargaining Bill - Bill #725 the
new Cate bill and Bills 1734 - 68 - 75 giving the President the
power to break strikes. He stressed further that unless there was
unity in labor the "house of labor will crumble" He went on from
here to introduce the three delegates who just returned from the
All Slav Congress in Belgrade and the first of these to speak

was Zlatko Balokovic. He dealt with the new ~~xxx~~ Yugoslav spirit said the main theme of the All Slav Congress was 'Peace' - Told about the improved educational situation there and also gave a story of his tour, the concerts he gave and the receptions he received. (He spoke ~~xxx~~ very much about Zlatko). He severely criticized our Embassy in Belgrade who he said told him when he got to Yugoslavia that they didn't dare go out on the streets for fear of being stabbed or shot -- He said the Slav people love the American people but ~~xxx~~ they have no use for our State Department. He severely criticized the State Department in his talk (He has a typewritten copy of his speech).

[] told about the struggle of the Slavic peoples for peace and democracy and told about 200,000 people massing for a demonstration the last day of the conference. said how important it was for us to leave in peace and friendship with the Slav Countries she said our job is to defeat remnants of fascism and to bring peace to the world.

[] said: The Yugoslavs ~~xxxxxx~~ do not trust Churchill, Vanderberg and our State Department -- he said but ~~xxxxx~~ they do trust the English and American people. Slav countries are independent countries -- The fact that the ~~Soviet~~ Soviet Union help to liberate Yugoslavia does not mean that Yugoslavia is a Satellite of Soviet Union -- they are friendly countries.-- Yugoslavia has fraternal ties with the Soviet Union -- He said the Yugoslavs do not understand the attitude of the American government toward them (EVIDENTLY THEY ARE BEING TOLD THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS THEIR ENEMY). --

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REMARKS BY []

The talk of the three delegates was freely ~~ex~~ peppered with sharp criticism of our State Department and of our Government while laying stress of the friendship of the Yugoslav people for the American people. -- In speaking the speakers would refer to the Yugoslav people feel this way about ~~xxxx~~ certain things -- the Yugoslav people don't like our State Dept. attitude on this -- or Yugoslav people don't understand the Government's attitude in this etc. ~~In otherwise~~ they are freely criticising our government but by ~~ix~~ putting the words in the form of a "message from the people of Yugoslavia. -- The attacks on our State Department and our Government will no doubt increase as the tour progresses. Copies of the speeches of this travellers are carried with them. --

On Saturday in session the national committee voted to set aside April 12th as Roosevelt Memorial Day and to organize Roosevelt Memorial Meetings on that day. ~~xxxxxxx~~ To use the day to strengthen the fight for Roosevelt's Economic Bill of Rights and to invite all organizations to participate in same. To issue in connection with this a small pamphlet devoted to the work of President Roosevelt and his fight for World Peace. Emphasize what Roosevelt taught and advocated.

It was brought out by Leo Krzycki that in addition to the 212 anti-labor Bills there were 11 anti-slave Bills being proposed in Congress by the House Un-American Investigating Committee. -- Proposals from this included the strengthening of the Labor Panel of the Slave Congress to fight against the anti-labor bills, to fight against discrimination against foreign born, against whom Leo Krzycki said the 11 bills were being proposed and to work.

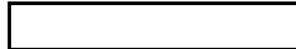
against [redacted] ----- Bill on Language Press -- organize real counter offensive of millions of readers and to organize the editors of the language press for the fight.

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Finally on Saturday a Resolutions and Finance Committee was elected and from my observations the following participated in the Resolutions Committee work on Saturday Night.



Matt Cvetic



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and two or three others.

On the resolutions several of them were prepared and presented by the New York office -- in the formulation of the rest [redacted] took a leading part. --

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On finances [redacted] came to Pittsburgh with proposals prepared. Presented them to the committee.

The second day of the Congress was taken up with first reports from the field and these were given by the various representatives from each city. (A LOT OF BS) -

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Then Krzyscki, Balokovic, [redacted] and a few others did a lot more talking about nothing.

On the resolutions the following were proposed for adoption.

COMPLETE COPIES OF THESE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY.

1. A message to Pres. Truman hailing the Election Victory in Poland.
2. A statement and message to State Secy Marshall on maintaining peace and supporting Senators Peppers speech -- disapproving rearming of Germany -- extend relief to devastated countries. -- for loans and trade agreements with Slav Countries for denazification of Germany and de-militarization of Germany.
3. A Message of support to Senator Pepper.
4. A resolution on the Language Press (House Bill) and in connection with this resolution strenuous opposition is being raised against this bill sponsored by House on Un-American Activities. A second section of this resolution (which was later divided into a separate resolution) called for the abolition of the House Un-American activities Committee. --
5. Deals with Anti-Labor Proposals - FEPC.
6. Deals with Housing.
7. Displaced persons.
8. Call on Slav people to strengthen fight for International peace.
- 9 Support Teacher Salaries Raises.

~~XXXXXX~~ RESOLUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED.

COMPLETE. [REDACTED] REPORTED FOR RESOLUTIONS COMM.

ON FINANCES - [REDACTED] reporting.

The membership campaign will be the main source of income -- other sources will be donations, contributions, mass activities. --

a \$60,000 budget was approved -

On the Membership campaign it was proposed that the V.P. in each nationality group take responsibility. -- that the language

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press publicize the membership drive -- 3. that the state and local committees and lodges give full support. 4. appeal to progressive trade unions, Organizations and Lodges for contributions. 5. Appeal to all professional, business, cultural and scientific leaders etc. -- Quotas on the membership drive were set as follows:

Byelo Russian and Russian	3500
Ukrainian	6000
Croatian	6000
Slovene	2500
Czech	3500
Poles	3500
Bulgarian	1000
Carpatho-Russ.	2000
Serbian	<u>3500</u>
	50,000 Total.

As to state distribution. partial report.

Mass.	750
R.I.	250
Conn.	2000
N.Y.	7500
N.J.	2500
Penna.	10000
Md.	250
W.VA.	250
Ohio.	4000
Kans.	250
California.	2500

greetings were sent to the All Slav Congress in Belgrade.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M. Sunday.

Pickups at the Congress.

[redacted] expects to leave for Yugoslavia shortly.

Leo Kraycki will leave for Milwaukee by ~~mail~~ plane tonight --

will return to Pittsburgh Saturday night. Feb. 22, 1947

WILL ELABORATE ON ANY OR ALL OF THIS REPORT.

[redacted] ^{ed} said: The thing that thrill^{ed} her the most on her ~~xxxxxx~~ travels in Yugoslavia were ~~xxxxxx~~ the signs at almost every place she went: "ZIVIO Communisti" Long Live Communism. - (or words to that effect).

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Mr. Matthew Cvetic, Exec. Sec'y
American Slav Congress of Western Pa.
1005 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Matt:

Please make additional hotel reservations for the
following for Saturday, Feb. 15:

[Redacted]

New York, N. Y.

New York, N.Y. (for Friday)

[Redacted]

Newark, N.J.

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Thanks. Also, Leo Krzycki expects to arrive Friday night,
so will you see that he get a room then, instead of
Saturday.

Regards.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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Mr. Matthew Cvetic, Exec. Sec'y
American Slav Congress of Western Pa.
1005 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Matt:

Thanks for taking care of the hotel accommodations for our people attending the National Committee meeting in Pittsburgh next week. That's a good job.

Will you please send us about two hundred copies of the Call to your conference for distribution to members of the National Committee and the State and City Committees. If you do not have that many copies, send us what you can spare, and we will do our best to see that they are given out. It is good for our people to see what is being done in other communities.

Kindest regards.

Fraternally yours,



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American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania
Meeting of Communist Party at office of the Language
Press -- 121 East St. W.P. Pittsburgh for the purpose
of discussing the same. Thurs. Feb. 20 at 4:30 P.M.

Members of the nationality commission and the language press
met to discuss the policy of the ~~Congress~~ Western Penna. Slav
Conference which is scheduled for the Fort Pitt Hotel on Sunday
Feb. 23rd. --

The following participated:

Roy Hudson

Matt Cvetic

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Matt Cvetic gave a report on the delegates elected so far
reported on the resolutions that are to be proposed and also
reported on proposals for nominations --

Discussed at length were the resolutions on which Roy
Hudson gave a 20 minute report and proposed that in the order
of their importance the resolutions be proposed in this order
and be given this preference on the floor --

1. FOREIGN POLICY -- Moscow Conference -- deal with specific
recommendations - continued relief - loans - endorsement of
Peppers speech --
2. NATIONAL -- Fight against anti-labor proposals --
3. STATE -- Pepp, -
4. General -- Freedom of the press --

Then the balance of the motions on Housing, Veterans aid,
teachers raise be introduced but discussed only if time allows.

On Nominations -- Question of chairman was raised and some were for replacing [] -- Roy Hudson said that unless [] quit ~~voluntarily~~ voluntarily we shouldn't do anything to start a fight he pointed out that [] was a pole and a Trade Union leader and also that he was a friend of Krzycki. He felt that perhaps the answer would be to elect an assistant to him and so it was decided that [] be elected []

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It was further decided that the Natl. Officers be honorary members of the committee and also that [] also be honorary members.

Roy Hudson proposed that Matt Cvetic be continued as Exec. Secretary and it was further proposed that Vera Brook be ~~xxxx~~ made treasurer to replace [] who is leaving and that Calvin Brook be made Public Relations Director. On the Chairmen of Nationality Panels no concrete proposals were made except Baltich for the Serbs, Hanusiak for the Ukrainians. Roy ~~xxx~~ asked that we be sure that some of our members ~~xxxxxxx~~ are on the Panels --

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The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNIA.
MEETING BETWEEN ROY HUDSON, DIST CHAIRMAN
OF COMMUNIST PARTY AND MATT CVETIC, EXEC.
SECY. OF WESTERN PENNIA. TUES.P.M.2/11/47- at 2:00 P.m.
IN THE OFFICE OF THE CP BAKETELL BLDG.

Roy and Matt met in our office on ~~XXXXX~~ Tuesday to discuss the Slav Congress and the coming conference of the American Slav Congress which is scheduled for the Fort Pitt Hotel on Feb.23rd. Matt Cvetic gave Roy a report on the delegates which have been elected so far and also the work that was being done to get additional delegates for the conference. Roy seemed to be satisfied with everything except he felt that something more should be done in the Polish field. Roy was particularly interested in finding out from what the composition of the delegates elected so far and whether or not they were from leftist groups and to what degree other than leftist groups were participating. Matt gave Roy a detailed report on this.

Roy further proposed the following:

That Matt write to Phillip Murray and ask Murray to send a message to the Congress explaining to him that the message ~~xx~~ coming from him would be doubly important -- start it out something like (noting Roy) "We would welcome a greeting from you as a leader of labor -- it will bring before the congress the issues etc. Roy also suggested that the letter ask Murray to send a representative to speak. Call attention to Murray's present participation in Steel negotiations and tell him we understand he is busy and will not be able to participate for this reason. -- Next Roy suggested that Matt call Federoff and ask him to bring or send

a call to
greetings -- And also ~~xxxx~~Stackhouse of the AFL

Roy further proposed that Matt contact [redacted] from the UMW
and see if he can get some delegates from the UMW to attend. -

Discussed further whether Senator Dent should be invited --
Since he was not clear on the exact meaning of Senator Dent's
bill attacking the KYK and which Roy said may also attack us but
he wasn't sure - he said he wasn't too sure whether we should
invite Dent. --

He also said to Matt to be certain the Conference is public-
ized at the National Committee meeting and

Also proposed to let him call [redacted] and find out when
he is coming to Pittsburgh so we can arrange to meet with him
and discuss the ~~xxxx~~ Political approach to be used at the
meeting and also to work out the program for after the Conference.

This completed the business of this meeting and next
together with [redacted] Matt and Roy met to
discuss a financial problem contained in another report -- this
report is attached.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.
Discussion - [redacted]
Party Office - Bakerell Bldg.
Tuesday, 2/11/47 at 7:15 P.M.

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The following participated in this discussion,

Roy Hudson [redacted] Matt Cvetic and [redacted]

Roy proposed that such persons as [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] and several others be
called together for the purpose of discussing the raising of funds
of the party from other than party sources. This would be done
by forming a committee of several persons, [redacted]
[redacted] were suggested) who would contact the
people suggested by the above committee for contributions. These
would be party members, former party members and sympathizers
who if approached correctly are good for \$25 or \$50 contributions.

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[redacted] House was proposed for such a meeting. [redacted]

(spelling not certain) house was suggested by Roy (this is the
house where they had the farewell party for [redacted] but [redacted]
said that an out and out party affair couldn't be held there. [redacted]
Further said that these people (a couple) used to belong to the
Party in Philadelphia, Pa. but today are just good party sympathizers.
This concluded basic discussion and action may be taken on this later.

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Meeting between Roy Hudson & Matt Cvetic to
discuss policy. [redacted] 1/1/47

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At 1:40 P.M. today Matt and Roy ~~xxxx~~ met to discuss the Congress
Matt gave a report on the Credentials reporting that some 140
Credentials have come in and in addition 100 delegates were
elected. Matt told Roy he will have to have some help on three
things -- Nominations, Resolutions and Program -- Roy said well
we re to meet on that on Monday with [redacted] and Matt
said yes that's right.

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OnP's man Roy suggested that the Congress organize a
"GET TOUGH WITH CONGRESS WEEK SOMETIME AROUND THE 15th of March".
also he suggested a series of Meetings in connection with
"Get tough with Congress Week". -- He suggested that everything
be done to popularize the March meeting ~~xxxxxx~~ of the AFL
~~xxxxxx/xxxxxx~~ called to fight the anti-labor laws. --
Roy suggested that Matt get in touch with [redacted]
At. 3720 who is in charge of the meeting next week. -- He
proposed the Conference be used to popularize this meeting.
-- That's All.

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ***SPECIAL REPORT
MEETING OF ROY HUDSON, [REDACTED] AND MATTHEW CVETIC

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD WESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE FORT PITT HOTEL
ON SUNDAY FEB. 23RD. -- A COMPLETE REPORT

The three above named persons met in the office of Roy Hudson on
Monday morning Feb. 17, 1947 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of discuss-
ing the program for the Conference: --

Together the three ~~xxxxxxxx~~ came to the following conclusions:

MORNING SESSION

1. ~~Opening~~ Opening Remarks, by [REDACTED]
2. Carpatho Russian Choir to Sing.
3. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Election of Chairmen for the session - [REDACTED] for
one session [REDACTED] for the other.
the conference will be conducted in two sessions.
4. Election of Committees --

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Credentials - [REDACTED]

Nominations -

Resolutions -

Finances - [REDACTED]

Publicity.

5. Mayor to speak
6. Representative of Labor to Speak.
7. Leo Krzycki - to give Key Note Address.
8. Proposed to have collection at this point.

9. [] - to give report on All Slav Congress.

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Afternoon Session.

1. Report by Executive Secy.
2. Report by Panels.
3. Nominations.
4. Resolutions.
5. Conclusions. -

On the Resolutions Roy Hudson proposed the following -- the FOLLOWING ARE ROY HUDSON'S REMARKS AND PROPOSALS * VERBATIM.

1. On anti-labor legislation - raise question of why it is of concern to American Slavs. Organize Slavs to call on Penna. Senators and Congressman to vote against the anti-labor legislation -- organize delegations to exert pressure on Congress and senators.
2. State FEPC - separate resolution -- call attention to fact that legislators are in session 6 months and no real FEPC program proposed -- call attention to fact that Murray and others endorsing principles of this people and call on both parties to introduce legislation based on these principles. However if a bill is introduced before the Conference meets then call on Dem. & Rep. alike to support the bill -- Issue involved here is issue of democracy, defending rights, not only of negroes, jews but foreign born workers as well.
3. Issue of Rantin Committee of attack on Language press - wage an offensive fight - point of view to use "Free Speech violation" -- work out plan for approaching other sections of population (this is other than Slav. --
4. Resolution on Foreign Policy -- specific questions - Single out

ROY HUDSON STILL SPEAKING

issues; take a stand and propose action.--

for month of March organize a "TELL IT TO CONGRESS WEEK"

Organize a week on issues -- towns such as [] etc. get people to write to Congressman and Senators - hold meetings - circulate petitions. - send delegations. --

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Necessary for Slaves to ~~xxxxxxx~~ unite for action on issues facing the people -- stand together politically on a minimum program THE INSTRUMENT ON WHICH THEY CAN UNITE THEIR EFFORTS IS THE AMERICAN SLAVE CONGRESS. Express their will on vital political questions. Organize for Day to Day activities -- Co-operate and work jointly together with other political forces. ~~xx~~

Stress effects of anti-labor legislation on little business - etc. -- delegates from conference to report on the decisions of conference in their respective communities - invite representatives of labor to participate in these meetings -- send copies of the resolutions adopted to the trade unions -- organize meetings in the name of the American Slave Congress.

Organize editions of all language newspapers -- call meetings to discuss this problem and involve readers.

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SPEAKING.

On Foreign Policy -- 1. On the Moscow Conference raise question of German demilitarization -- call attention to Dulles proposal of industrializing Germany -- Use speech of Senator Pepper -- strong indictment of Republican advice to Marshall - ask him to disregard this advice -- Decentralization of Germany and Polish border issues -- Foreign Policy of Relief -- Relief to be continued.

[redacted] still speaking

support Marshall's request for \$100,000,000 and ask that Ukraine and Byelo-Russia be included and explain ~~that~~ to our delegates that in the long run the best results (as far as relief is concerned) can be obtained this way and not by conducting Relief ~~campaigns~~ campaigns.

Call attention to the policy of this country feeding the enemy and starving the allies -- loans should be granted on friendly terms. --

On Bid: American Slav Congress to delegates:

1. Report decisions to their organizations.
2. Ask them to organize action.
3. Build committees and executive bodies to coordinate the activities of Slav Organizations - to carry the fight against fascism in this country, etc.
4. Call attention to the fact that the main fight now is being waged here in this country.
5. Organize committees, local congress - meetings of delegates.--

On Finances.-- We can't continue as we have -- importance of Slav Congress under-estimated. Those organizations responsible for Contributing Membership Drive -- appeal for collections.

Fight on issues -- participate in elections on non-partisan

basis -- unite with other progressive organizations. -- The

Slav Congress will unite Slav Americans in the fight for peace and prosperity.

ON NOMINATIONS ** the following were proposed after discussion

by Roy, Matt and [] ---

First that [] be made Honorary chairman and that all national officers [] be carried as National Officers on the Committee -- That [] be proposed as Chairman -- that Matthew Cvetic be proposed as Executive Secretary -- that [] be proposed as Treasurer and that all Res. National officers be considered members of the committee -- Vice Chairman:

[] - Croatian

[] - Slovene

[] - Serbian

[] - Ukrainian

[] - Russian

[] - Carpathian Russ.

(Get from Slovaks) - Slovak

[] - Czech.

[] - Poles.

[] (name to be checked) - Macedonian-Bulgarian.

Other points discussed in a late afternoon meeting were discussed by Roy Hudson, [] and Matt Cvetic and here it was decided that the Worker could be sold outside of the Hotel - that a pamphlet by the Communist Party on KKK could be distributed outside of the Hotel -- that a post card (COPY ENCLOSED) will be distributed to delegates (supply furnished to Matt [] - On a technical helper Roy referred Matt to [] who will try to get someone. -- This concluded the business of the day.

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January 22, 1947

TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO ALL STATE AND CITY COMMITTEES

Dear Friends:

This is to remind you of the National Committee meeting scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, in Pittsburgh. The meeting will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel, Penn Ave. and Sixth St., (East Room) and will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday.

As previously announced, the agenda will include:

Report on the Belgrade All-Slav Congress

Our tasks in 1947

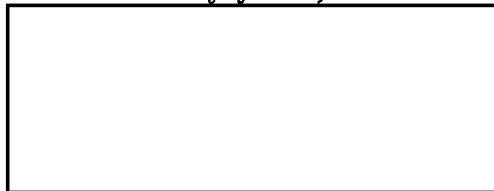
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American Slav Congress publication

Please come prepared to report on the work done by your organization since the Third American Slav Congress last September.

In view of the present situation, this meeting will be more important than ever, and you are urged to make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,



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OFFICERS

President: LEO KRZYCKI • Vice-Presidents: ZLATKO BALOKOVIC

JOSEPH HELLMITTE Polish

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Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1947

Dear Matt:

[redacted]

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Enclosed is the letter to Marshall, the resolution on anti-labor bills, and the resolution on Un-American committee's drive against the foreign born, which we are rushing to you airmail-special delivery as per request in George's wire, received today.

As you see, the statements, especially the first two, need some smoothing out and possibly some trimming. Maybe [redacted] or someone else in Pittsburgh who is especially adept at doing such things, can go over them and touch them up into final form for your conference. I do think it would be more effective if you would change them (in form, not in content) a little so that it does not seem like "canned stuff", that is, so that your conference actually presents and sends different resolutions than the National Committee meeting sent. They don't need much changing, just enough to doctor them into a prettier shape and to change them to sound new.

I'm sorry I faded out Sunday and missed that wonderful meeting. Sorry also that I didn't have a chance to see you again and even say goodbye before leaving. I hope that George gave you the camera to give to [redacted] of the Duquesne Tamburitzans. Please return the camera, safe and sound, to that guy. It bothers me and weighs heavy on my conscience. Also, the camera has 100 feet of unused film inside, which you can tell [redacted] I wanted to take some pictures of the National Committee meeting but, because of that foolish business of being unwell, was unable to do so.

We're rushing to send out all the slew of things from here, as follow-up on the National Committee meeting. So far it's going along pretty well. George's report was already mimeographed and is being brought here later today. Will send copies to everyone shortly.

Hope your conference is a wonderful success. Good luck, and best regards
from all of us here to all of you there.

[redacted]

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Communist Party participation in the American Slav

Congress of Western Penna. (A SPECIAL REPORT)

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In preparation for a meeting of the Bureau scheduled for 7:30PM tonight Wednesday February 26th., 1947 - Roy Hudson, Chairman of the District for the Communist Party and Matthew Cvetic, Exec. Secy for the American Slav Congress in Western Penna. had a preliminary meeting in Roy Hudson's office at 2:15 P.M. this afternoon. Roy told Matt he was to make a report to the Bureau of from 20 to 30 minutes on the Conference which was held on Sunday Feb. 23rd at the Fort Pitt Hotel and Roy suggested to Matt that he deal with the following questions in his report:

1. What kind of a Conference was had - plans for the future -
Discussion A. kind of conference - Breakdown of Delegates by
Nationality Groups.

B. kind of Youth Delegates -

- B. Contrast with number of Delegates at last conference

- C. Point out specific leadership which was present - national and local
Lawrence, Perry, Miller, Kopycki, etc.

- D. On the subject of the Negro problem - point out that the Negro problem
was played up in previous conferences of the Congress.

- E. Bring in the fact that speeches were received from Murray of
the CIO and St. Johnhouse of the A.F.L. -

- F. Give the nature and importance of speeches of Kopycki and [redacted]
G. Give decisions of the conference on the anti-labor proposals,
FEPC, Freedom of Press, Foreign Policy, Veterans, Teachers Raises
Housing and Rent Control. -

- H. Give the program of action that was adopted.

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Stress what can be done to bldg of congress committees and what can be done to organize support amongst the Slaves for the resolutions adopted.

Tell how the session of leadership was handled. - Conclude generally ~~xx~~ summarizing points of the conference and criticisms such as small trade union representations - lack of floor discussion - large number of young people - Finally point out what are the key problems for the future of the Congress.

These above suggestions were all made by Roy Hudson.

NIGHT LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE C. MARSHALL ON GERMANY, SENT BY
NATIONAL COMMITTEE, AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, AT MEETING IN PITTSBURGH, PA.,
FEBRUARY 15-16, 1947

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, MEETING IN PITTSBURGH
FEBRUARY 15-16, REPRESENTING MILLIONS OF FORWARD-LOOKING AMERICANS OF SLAVIC
DESCENT, GREETES YOU AND TRUSTS THAT YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STRENGTHEN
THE UNITY AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SLAVIC NATIONS OF
EUROPE, ESTABLISHED DURING THE WAR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING PEACE.

WE RESPECTFULLY WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT SENATOR
PEPPER'S CALL TO YOU TO DISAVOW THE ADVICE OF GOP SPOKESMEN ON FOREIGN POLICY,
SENATOR VANDENBERG AND JOHN FOSTER DULLES, AS TO THE REARMAMENT OF GERMANY
THROUGH THE REBUILDING OF HER INDUSTRIAL MIGHT. THIS ADVICE OF THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY LEADERS, IF ACCEPTED AND CARRIED OUT, WOULD REPEAT THE FOLLY WHICH
OCCURRED AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR WHEN SUCH A POLICY HELPED REARM GERMANY AND
BRING ABOUT WORLD WAR II IN WHICH AMERICA SUFFERED HALF A MILLION CASUALTIES.

TO REPEAT THIS MISTAKE WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE AND NEITHER OUR AMERICAN PEOPLE
NOR OUR ALLIES WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO TERRIBLY FROM GERMAN AGGRESSION, WOULD
ACCEPT IT WITHOUT A VIGOROUS FIGHT.

WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH YOU ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF EXTENDING RELIEF AND
REHABILITATION TO DEVASTATED COUNTRIES INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, POLAND, BYELORUSSIA,
THE UKRAINE AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT TRADE AGREEMENTS SHOULD
BE ARRANGED TO BRING ABOUT A NORMAL FLOW OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC
INTERCOURSE.

WE BELIEVE THAT OUR UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE FORTHCOMING MOSCOW CONFERENCE
ON THE GERMAN QUESTION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE YALTA AND POTSDAM AGREEMENTS FOR
THE COMPLETE DENAZIFICATION AND DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY; THE ELIMINATION OF
CARTELS AND TRUST CONTROL OF GERMAN ECONOMY; AND FOR DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE
ECONOMIC AND CIVIL LIFE OF GERMANY.

FINALLY, IN THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT, WE GO ON RECORD FOR
THE RECOGNITION OF THE PRESENT POLISH-GERMAN BORDERS AS FINAL.

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Resolution on Anti-Labor drive, adopted at meeting of National Committee,
American Slav Congress, Pittsburgh, Pa., February 15-16, 1947.

(Send to: Wallace H. White, Jr., Majority Leader, U. S. Senate
Alben W. Barkley, Minority Leader, United States Senate
Charles H. Halleck, Majority Leader, House of Representatives
Sam Rayburn, Minority Leader, House of Representatives
Robert A. Taft, Chairman, Labor and Public Welfare Committee,
United States Senate
Fred A. Hartley, Chairman, Education and Labor Committee, H. of Rep.
and your local Congressmen and Senators.)

A year and a half after the war for liberation, the Congress of the richest country in the world is engaged in an unprecedented drive against labor, which was the backbone of our war effort.

In order to cover this offensive against the democratic rights of the people, the holders of monopolies and trusts, through their spokesmen in the halls of Congress and in the columns of the newspapers, have raised the cry that the trade unions have gained too much power and have become a threat to our national economy. This of course is not true, but is merely demagogic hysteria. Not the labor movement, but the trusts, the monopolies, the international cartels are the real menace. It is under their inspiration and direction that this present anti-labor hysteria is being whipped up in Congress. The bills to curb labor are a complete negation of Roosevelt's Economic Bill of Rights; some are designed to abolish the closed shop, others call for the legalization of labor injunctions, the crippling of the Wagner National Labor Relations Act and the abrogation of the right to strike.

There should be no illusion about the fact that the drive against the interests of 15,000,000 organized workers and their families strikes at the very foundations of the basic rights of all the American people.

The anti-labor drive is a menace to American democracy and if carried through, would bring about not stable labor-management relations, but more strikes and unrest. Labor will not surrender its hard won rights.

The National Committee of the American Slav Congress, meeting in Pittsburgh, February 15-16, 1947, representing millions of forward-looking Americans of Slavic descent, calls for the retention and strengthening of the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act, and the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

We call for the repeal of the Smith-Connolly Act, and for the defeat of the 212 bills now in Congress designed to curtail the rights and gains of labor.

We call for the creation of a permanent federal Fair Employment Practices Commission, as discrimination in industry is incompatible with the idea of equality of opportunity for all Americans.

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Resolution on Freedom of the Press, adopted at meeting of National Committee, American Slav Congress, Pittsburgh, Feb. 15-16, 1947.

(Send to: Arthur H. Vandenberg, President, United States Senate
Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Speaker, House of Representatives
and your local Congressmen)

The Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives has recommended to Congress "that legislation be enacted forbidding the use of the United States mails under second-class mailing privileges to papers in any language other than English which do not carry a full English translation, in parallel columns next to the foreign language content".

This proposal is clearly an attack on the freedom of the press and on the democratic rights of foreign born Americans.

Two hundred American newspapers printed in Slavic languages have been largely instrumental in effecting the purchase of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of War Bonds by Slavic Americans, and the donation of blood for our wounded soldiers on far flung battle fields. Many Slavic papers are the means by which news of American life and American ideals and principles are brought to the masses of Slavic Americans.

The National Committee of the American Slav Congress, meeting in Pittsburgh February 15-16, 1947, representing millions of forward-looking Americans of Slavic descent, expresses its unalterable opposition to any attempt to force foreign language publications to print full English translations "in parallel columns next to the foreign language context". We urge you to oppose this dangerous recommendation.

We further call for the abolition of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives because of its undemocratic character and its violation of our American tradition of freedom and equality.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 1, 1947

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~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant, C-113.
Bureau File 66-2542.

Dear Sir:

On February 28, 1947, the above captioned informant telephonically contacted Special Agent [redacted] of this office, who had contacted the informant on previous occasions relative to the crime survey, as the informant is familiar with gambling establishments and individuals in the Pittsburgh area connected with gambling. The informant advised Agent [redacted] that he was going to Washington, D. C., on March 1, 1947, for recreational purposes and would return to Pittsburgh on March 3, 1947. During the conversation he requested that in his absence from Pittsburgh he wanted Agent [redacted] to talk to his girlfriend. Arrangements were immediately made for Special Agents [redacted] and LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON to personally contact the informant relative to this unusual request. When questioned by Agents THOMPSON and [redacted] CVETIC admitted that his girlfriend knew of his work as an informant with the Bureau. He also admitted that three other unauthorized persons knew of his services to the Bureau. These three persons are his oldest brother and the father and mother of his girlfriend. The informant indicated that approximately five years ago he advised his oldest brother and his girlfriend of his work for the Bureau. The girlfriend, in turn, told her mother and father. There is no indication that any of the four persons allegedly familiar with the informant's services to the Bureau had divulged the information to other persons. Agents [redacted] and THOMPSON forcibly brought to the informant's attention that it was contrary to instructions when he divulged his confidential connection with the Bureau to the unauthorized persons indicated above, and that no other individuals under any circumstances could be advised of his work for the Bureau.

The informant stated that his girlfriend was presently engaged to another man; that this last mentioned individual was well regarded by the parents of the girlfriend, and that he, the informant, was not well regarded by the girl's parents as they had CVETIC "tagged as a Communist."

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Letter to the Director
From Pittsburgh, 3/1/47

Re: MATTHEW OVETIC, ONDI C-113
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He further advised that the girlfriend was anxious to terminate her relations with her fiancé and resume affiliations with the informant. The latter says that he is in love with the girl and wants to marry her. He is of the opinion that when the girl advises her parents and her fiancé of her intentions, the parents may divulge informant's connection with the Bureau to the present fiancé. He requested that for the sake of security the parents and girlfriend be contacted; that his connection with the Bureau be confirmed, and that these unauthorized persons be pledged to secrecy. It is probable that the informant has requested this action to be taken by the representatives of the Bureau in order that his reputation with the girl's parents might be improved. OVETIC was forcibly advised that the girl and her parents could not be contacted by Agents of this Bureau.

The only information known as to the identity of the girlfriend is that her name is [redacted] and that she is employed as a [redacted] in [redacted]. The names of the girl's parents, her fiancé, and OVETIC's oldest brother are not known.

The names and addresses of [redacted] her parents, and the informant's oldest brother will be obtained from the informant. No contact will be made by Agents of this office with [redacted] her parents, or the informant's oldest brother in the absence of instructions to the contrary from the Bureau as such contact would confirm the informant's statements that his services are being utilized by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

F. A. FLETCHER, SAC

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PAYMENTS TO C-113. 67-2584

EFFECTIVE Nov. 1, 1946

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1/13 - 1/19		\$60			#761	1/6	Thompson	
1/20 - 1/26		\$60			#766	1/13	Thompson	
1/27 - 2/2		\$60			#771	1/20	Thompson	
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
February 19, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are informant's reports and exhibits furnished by the above-captioned individual. The reports and attached exhibits should be placed as one serial with this memorandum in file #67-2584. Memoranda have been dictated concerning the information outlined in the informant's reports.

The attached reports and exhibits should not be serialized, however, this memorandum should be serialized into the informant's file.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
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Meeting of Committee to discuss National & State Legislation

A committee of leading party functionaries from various front organizations was being organized on the evening of Jan. 2 in the office of the Communist Party in the Bellwell Bldg. for the purpose of studying proposed legislation and to discuss appropriate action in the various organizations by the Communists. The following participated:

Roy Hudson, as Chairman



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and one other person.

Roy Hudson read a report on proposed legislation state and federal disclosed by the proposed sales tax bill introduced by House Rep. of Pa. - other matters discussed were housing and miscellaneous legislation. No clear cut program was outlined for action discussed. The action was in the way of organizing a committee to discuss proposed legislation and the Committee decided to take "Origination" of the proposed Roy subjects to be considered. Roy Hudson suggested that one of the party leaders from the CIO and one from the AFL be added to the committee. He also said that [redacted] from IL was invited to the meeting but couldn't come. The committee decided to meet every two weeks and the next meeting of this committee will be held on Thursday Jan. 14, 1947. The AFL meeting will probably [redacted] [redacted] suggested by some of the members. - The meeting adjourned at 1 PM.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PA.
EDUCATIONAL DEPT.
PITTSBURGH, PA.

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INTRODUCTION: The year 1947 marks the 100th Anniversary of Marxism. We can best celebrate this Anniversary by seriously applying ourselves to the task of mastering Marxism-Leninism. An extensive all-year round program has been outlined that will help us in this aim. One feature of this program will be monthly forums that will deal with various aspects of Marxism-Leninism and their application to the problems of today. This month's forum, commemorating the anniversary of Lenin's death, will deal specifically with some of the contributions that Lenin made in further developing the science of Marxism and their relation to present-day America and the tasks of our Party.

From these forums we hope to accomplish two things -- to deepen our theoretical understanding and to apply this understanding concretely to the problems and struggles in our community or shop. These forum discussions will be most fruitful if they are used as a basis for club discussions. We propose that all clubs make every effort to organize their club discussions no later than the last week in January. If your club desires a speaker, the Educational Department will be glad to provide one.

This brief outline has a very limited function. Its main purpose is to stimulate thinking on the major questions to be discussed at the forum on January 19th and to provide minimum reading material in preparing both for the forum and club discussions.

LENIN AND AMERICA

1. What is Leninism?
2. What are the main features of the Marxist-Leninist analysis of imperialism? How do they apply to the world of today?
3. How does Marxism-Leninism evaluate the role of the trade unions -- their importance -- their limitations?
4. What is the theory of spontaneity against which Lenin struggled? How does this theory express itself on and American scene? What Leninist principles can arm us to struggle against this false theory?
5. How does a Marxist-Leninist Party approach the formation of alliances and coalitions?
6. What is the Marxist-Leninist concept of the struggle for Socialism?
7. How does a Marxist-Leninist Party maintain its independence and play an independent role in a coalition?
8. What can each club learn from Marxism-Leninism to improve the work of the club?
9. What is the significance of the 100th Anniversary of Marxism as compared with other social philosophies?
10. What is the Marxist-Leninist concept of the role of the Communist Party?

READING:

Lenin on the Struggle for Genuine Political Consciousness -- Jan. Political Affairs
Imperialism -- Lenin -- Chapters 7, 8, 9, & 10.
What is to be Done? -- Lenin -- Chapter 3.
"Left-Wing" Communism -- Lenin.
Foundations of Leninism -- Stalin -- Chapter 6.

FORUM INFORMATION

DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th
TIME: 2:30 P.M.
PLACE: 440 WOOD ST. (THIRD FLOOR)

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NATIONAL OFFICE

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December 14, 1946.

TO ALL COMMUNIST PARTY CLUBS.

Dear Comrades:

In accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of our Constitution, the National Committee calls upon all Communist Clubs to hold their annual elections of Club Executive Committees during the month of January, 1947.

The election of Club Officers and Executive Committees are an important event in the life of our Party. This is especially true this year. The tasks and problems before the labor and progressive movement as well as the many unsolved problems, will become more aggravated as a result of the G.O.P. victory, which strengthens the position of the trusts and big monopolists in government in such a way as to threaten the economic well-being, security and peace of the American people.

The offensive against the people by the Big Monopolists has already begun. This can be seen by President Truman's service to the Big Trusts in his use of the injunction against the miners. This act is but the storm signal challenging the labor and progressive forces to action in defense of their hard-won liberties. Whether labor and the people will be able to adequately meet these new attacks depends to a large extent upon the strengthened role and activities of the Party.

Thus, the election of leadership in the basic organization of the Party has as its aim to establish more effective guarantees in the Clubs for consistent leadership to the workers in the shops and communities, in such a way as to enable it to build the fighting unity of the people below, as well as rapidly to strengthen our Party.

The elections are not a mere formality. They are an expression of the democracy which permeates the organization. It is this democracy that makes it possible for the Clubs to self-critically examine its work, formulate Club programs, and elect the most qualified leadership. We have the task of making each Club the embodiment of the most diversified and healthy strivings of the workers in its sphere of work; generating centers of leadership to the masses who have already entered onto the path of struggle against inflationary prices and the developing economic crisis, as well as the attacks on civil liberties, for Negro rights and against the sabotage of housing programs.

These struggles of the masses will grow in the year of 1947. The Clubs must be in a position to lead these masses to a solution of their problems. It is in this sense that the elections this January must be viewed.

With comradely greetings,

Henry Winston
HENRY WINSTON,
National Organization Secretary.

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THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES TO BE
HELD JANUARY 1947

I. Character of Executive Committee and Term of Office

1. The Executive Committee, as the leading body of the Communist Club, shall consist of the most responsible, active and loyal members, politically qualified to give leadership to the Club for the coming year.
2. In determining the qualifications of members for the Executive Committee, the membership is urged to consider the political mass experiences, the record of activity, and especially the contribution made in the struggle to establish ideological clarity, and to realize in practice, the present policies of our Party, against all remnants of Browder revisionism and all expressions of left-sectarianism.
3. The membership shall keep in mind the need of assuring a sound working class core in the Club leadership by electing active trade unionists and shop workers. Special consideration shall be given to the election of Negro comrades, veterans and women, who will greatly contribute to the quality and work of the Committee.
4. All Executive Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year. During the past year there has been considerable fluctuation in the Club Executive Committees and a substantial percentage of Club officers did not serve their full term of office. It is extremely important that Clubs shall elect members who will fulfill the responsibility of Club office for the term of one year. Such stability and continuity in club leadership is essential to the further development of the mass political work of the Club and the activation of the Club membership.
5. All members of the Club, in good dues standing, and members of the Party six months or more, are eligible for nomination and election to the Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee is to give major attention to the problems of the general policies of the Party to the community, shop or industry in which the club operates; expanding the mass activities of the Club by initiating, supporting and participating in united actions — actions of Communists and non-Communists — around the most pressing problems confronting the working class and the people in the struggle to defeat the present reactionary offensive of Big Business.
7. Every Communist holding an office in a Club is fulfilling important mass work, holding a position of honor and prestige in our Party. Club leadership is a decisive link in our whole system of leadership. It represents that section of Communist leadership which has direct connections with the membership, and is responsible for realizing in life the policies and decisions of our Party. Vigilance shall be displayed in the election of officers to guarantee that they merit the trust and confidence of the membership.

II. The Size of the Executive Committee

1. Each Club, according to its membership, shall determine the size of its Executive Committee. Every consideration shall be given to establishing working Executive Committees, which will not usurp the authority, or replace the activity of the membership, but will guide and direct the work of the Club,

involve the membership in the formulation and carrying through of all policies and decisions. It is proposed, therefore, that Executive Committees shall not exceed seven to nine members.

2. The following officers shall be considered for election to Club Executive Committees:

- a) Chairman - the political and organizational leader of the Club; the public representative of the Club, known as a fighting champion for the interests of the working class in the sphere in which the club operates. As the political leader of the club, the Chairman shall be responsible for the political life, mass activities and campaigns of the Club.
- b) Membership Secretary - responsible for the problems of membership and personnel; the attendance at club meetings; the systematic building of the club; the involvement of the new members in club activity; the improvement of the quality of work of all members; and shall assist the Club Chairman in the execution of decisions and campaigns.
- c) Financial Secretary - responsible for all club finances and dues; measures to raise funds for Club activity; supervising expenditures; keeping dues and financial records, assisting the Membership Secretary in problems relating to membership.
- d) Educational Director - responsible for the educational activities of the club by developing discussions on our policies and tasks; supervising the Marxist-Leninist training of our membership through the organization of, or the assignment to, classes and study groups; the development of public forms of mass education, including leaflets, forums, meetings, etc.
- e) Press Director - responsible for organizing the work to build the circulation of the Communist press; see that all members become readers of the Daily Worker (on the Pacific Coast - The People's World); establish a permanent apparatus to follow-up renewals; develop systematic activity to build the press by canvassing, sale at shop gates and through subscriptions.
- f) Literature Director - responsible for the organization of the sale and distribution of literature -- current mass pamphlets as well as Marxist-Leninist works -- among our own members and in the community or shop; planning the systematic circulation of Communist literature in close co-operation with the Educational Director and Club Executive Committee.

3. Clubs of 15 or 25 do not have to elect a full Executive Committee. In the small shop or industrial clubs for instance, say up to 15 members, a Committee of three may be adequate to meet the needs of the Club. In such instances, the Club shall consider the election of a Chairman, Membership Secretary and Educational Director, who shall share among themselves all other tasks. In Clubs of 25 or so, a committee of five may be considered adequate with a combination of the various tasks.

4. The larger Clubs after the Club elections, shall consider the setting up of Committees around each office, with the objective of dividing and organizing the work in each field, and drawing in other members to help fulfill the tasks of the officers.

III. The Preparations for and Carrying Through of the Club Elections

1. Nominations and elections of Club Executive Committees shall take place at the last two meetings in January. It is recommended that these be specially-called meetings, held a week apart, the latter part of January.
2. The nominations for all elective posts shall take place at one meeting, followed at the next meeting with the election by secret ballot.

3. At the nomination meetings, preceding the nominations, a review shall take place of the work and role of the Club during the year of 1946, its participation in the various struggles and campaigns, and in the light of these activities an evaluation shall be made of the work of the present Club leadership.
 - a) The present Executive Committee, in preparation for the nominations meeting, shall critically examine its work in advance, estimate the activity of the work as a whole, and present its findings to the membership body at the Club meeting.
 - b) The membership shall be given full opportunity to participate freely in such discussions, encouraged to express opinions on how the work of the club and the work of the Executive Committee can be further improved in the light of the new tasks facing our Party.
 - c) Only after such a discussion shall the nominations for Club Officers and members of the Executive Committee take place. A brief resume shall be presented on the function of the Executive Committee and the responsibilities of each particular office, so that complete clarity is established on the work and function of each officer.
 - d) When nominations are made, care shall be taken to guarantee that each member has an opportunity to discuss the nominees, to raise objections to any individual, to submit and speak in behalf of certain nominees. Members shall be encouraged to participate in a full appraisal of the activity of each nominee.
4. At the election meeting, the present Executive Committee shall present a draft program of work for the Club until the National Convention of our Party (July, 1947) which shall be thoroughly discussed by the membership before the elections take place.
 - a) At the conclusion of such discussion time shall be allowed for further nominations by those members who were absent at the present meeting.
 - b) Only members of the club in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the voting for the Club Executive Committee. There shall be no absentee voting.
 - c) All members shall receive a ballot prepared by the Club, with the additional nominations added before the election starts.
 - d) All voting is to be by secret ballot - even where there may be only a single nominee for a particular office.
5. All members shall be notified by card or letter for both meetings, and efforts shall be made to contact personally those who do not attend regularly. Every effort shall be made to have a majority of Club members present the night of elections. A well-formulated letter shall be sent to every member stressing why these elections are an indispensable feature of inner Party democracy, and the rights and duties of members to democratically express themselves on the work and activities of the Club, on the composition and character of the new Club leadership.
6. Clubs shall consider the organization of installation meetings the first part of February to which all friends and contacts shall be invited. Such meetings shall have the objective, in addition to the installation of officers, that of discussing with the club's friends and contacts the tasks the Club is undertaking for the first six months of 1947.

January 14, 1947

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Dear Comrade:

This is to inform you that a meeting to discuss legislative problems will be held on Friday, January 17th at 10 A.M. at the District office, and in view of the importance of the questions to be discussed, we want to urge you to make every possible effort to be there. If for any reason you cannot attend would you please be sure to call me at the office and let me know. I would appreciate this immensely.

Comradely yours,

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*Recd 12/17/47
JST: PCH*

Meeting of the Org-Ed Committee of the Communist Party
Party office - Sat P.M. 1/18/47 1 PM.

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The meeting of this committee was held with the following participants:

[redacted]

Roy Hudson,

[redacted]

Matt Cvetic,

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The entire meeting was taken up discussing the report on Organization ~~xxx~~ submitted on Saturday. As outlined by Roy Hudson the reasons for the discussion is to ~~xxxxxxx~~ gear the party for the struggle - and to organize for real Communist Party Work. The discussion was rather general, ~~xxx~~ and it is evident that the the district conference, ^{Feb. 2} some changes in the committees may be made or at least recommended. One of these will be the addition of possibly a full time Organization Secretary, setting up a City Executive Committee which was eliminated early last summer and to ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ overhaul the Organizational structure generally. Efforts will be made to get some new forces into some of the committees. The committee decided to hold its next meeting on this question next Saturday 1/25/47 and to make its recommendations to the Board and the Conference after that. I might point out here that the ~~xxxx~~ decisions of the Org-Ed Committee are subject to the approval of the Board.

MEETING OF ORG-ED COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY * SATURDAY. [REDACTED]

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DECEMBER 21st., 1946 - 1:30 to 5:15 P.M. PARTY OFFICE BAKEWELL BLDG.

The following points were on the agenda.

1. LENIN MEMORIAL MEETING
2. FINANCE REPORT
3. PERSONNEL PROBLEM
4. REGISTRATION REPORT.

The following participated:

[REDACTED]
Bill Albertson

Matt Cvetic

Steve Nelson
[REDACTED]

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The first point on the Agenda the 'Lenin Memorial Meeting' was handled by [REDACTED]. He said that a committee composed of [REDACTED] Roy Hudson and himself discussed the possibility of having a Lenin Memorial Meeting on February 12th or around that date in a place like Frick School or some such bldg. The price of tickets he proposed was twenty five cents and the meeting would be a real Marxist meeting. The Wage Struggle would be taken up or some such issue. Speakers proposed by the meeting were: BEN GOLD, CACCHIONE, WINSTON, DOXEY WILKERSON, WEINSTOCK, MORRIS CHILDS, ----- DAVIS, and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. It was further proposed that two speakers be selected and that Winston should be one and Ben Gold given first preference from the others. The meeting accepted the proposal and with the added stipulation that .50¢ be charged for the tickets. A committee of three composed of Matt Cvetic, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was elected to take charge of the arrangements for the meeting such as getting the Hall, having the tickets made etc.

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The next point on the agenda was Finances - A proposed budget with recommendations was submitted by [] COPY (six pages) BEING SUBMITTED TO BE RETURNED. A Full discussion with the Bureau and the Org-Ed Committee participating will be had at a later date.

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Next the Personnel ~~xxxxxxx~~ Problem was taken up. This consisted of charges against [] made by [] Most of them were based on personality differences. [] accused [] of high-handed methods, of gossiping; and of conduct unbecoming a top functionary. Specifically she referred to an instance when [] one of the secretaries could not be present at a meeting because she was ill [] indiscreetly made the remark that the said secretary was having an abortion performed. She also accused [] of influencing Roy against her. After a lot of useless discussion it was decided to have a meeting which would be participated in by those present at this meeting - the rest of the membership committee, one member of the disciplinary committee and Roy Hudson. The principal charge arose from a remark [] was supposed to have made to [] to the affect that [] was a Saboteur and was sabotaging the work of the Membership Committee. The committee felt that if [] was serious about this she should present facts and if ~~xxx~~ she made the remark in the heat of anger she should be censured and she should apologize. The next session on this should be hot. (I mean hotter)

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The final point on the agenda was "Registration" and on this [] [] gave an eight page report. According to her report there were 905 members registered in the Western Pennsylvania District this year and of these some 350 have been registered to date (350 figure is approximate) In the city of Pittsburgh a total of 177 have been registered out of a membership of approximately 366 members so far. In the City proper ~~the~~ the registration is expected to reach approximately 60% of the membership

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and in the District approximately 58% of ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ the membership is expected to be registered. In the 33rd district there are 190 members and of these approximately ~~xxxxxx~~ 74% are expected to be registered. In Homestead of the 19 members approximately ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 9 have been registered to date. Squirrel Hill is especially poor the members who were transferred there from the old Oakland Branch never having been brought into active club membership. Food has a good registration - In southside approximately 34 have been registered so far.

The poorest results so far are in Washington County which is one of the spots where members have been dropped because ~~xx~~ they were not good communists two negroes were referred to (possibly in this district) who were registered as members and then it turned out that they were operating a bawdy house and gambling joint.

Reasons for dropping members were given as Habitual Drunks, Known Criminals, Petty thieves, stool pigeons and people who were registered but have no Communist Conception of work or just weresigned up in the drive. Particular attention was called to Erie, Pa. where six members were dropped for cause (indications were that two of them were stool pigeons).

And the tendency is to give the part in the district a thorough going over. ^{to 30%} 26% of the membership is expected to be lost. But no tears are being shed on totals as they have been in the past few years rather the feeling is that no one is being registered until they have been throughly examined by the Membership Committee and from the report it is very apparent that many are being dropped ~~xxx~~ for CAUSE.

Additional stress is being placed on the tightening up of the entire party structure in the report. The other point raised was

in a positive vein that of taking steps to register those who have not been registered so far because of neglect of the party. These include many of the people in the shop clubs where with the exception of Crucible the registration has been very bad. Specifically the report recommended that [] take care of the work he accepted in Washington County, that Matt Cvetic go to McKees Rocks to see what he can do there on the McKees Rocks Shop Branch : that the Hill District call a meeting soon to discuss registration - [] was instructed to call such a meeting.

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The report will be given in detail again at a combined meeting of the District Bureau and Org-Ed Committee and additional information contained in the report will be made available.

A bulletin on the coming District Election is on the way from the National office and should be in the hands of Club Presidents within the next week or ten days.

A District Meeting is scheduled for February 2nd.

Steve Nelson will attend the Bureau meeting at the Wellington Room of the Pittsburgher Hotel at 9 P.M. and then return to New York by train tonight. Bill Albertson is also leaving for New York tonight. [] Bill Albertson left the meeting at 3:00 P.M. to attend a meeting of the UE Comrades which was in progress at the Mayfair Hotel. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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[] went with [] to Farrel, Pa. tonight.
NOTE: [] rejected strenuously the complaint against her by [] going before the Disciplinary Commission. She said in the years she has been in the Party she has never been brought up for any disciplinary violations.

Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania - Special Ruling on

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Elections of Club Secretaries scheduled for January 1947

For security reason the Party has made a ruling that the Clubs may elect Secretaries as previously (Membership) but with the stipulation that care be exercised on the person selected as they are entrusted with the list of members.

After the ^{secretary} ~~member~~ is elected on each Club the Cadres Commission will then investigate the person and pass on their suitability for the job. The only question of course being considered being party loyalty.

December 18, 1946

Dear Comrade:

The next meeting of the Org-Ed Committee will be held on Saturday, December 21st at 1:30 P.M. at the District office.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Registration
2. Personnel problem
3. Information report on finances
4. Good and welfare

The meeting will start promptly at 1:30.

Comradely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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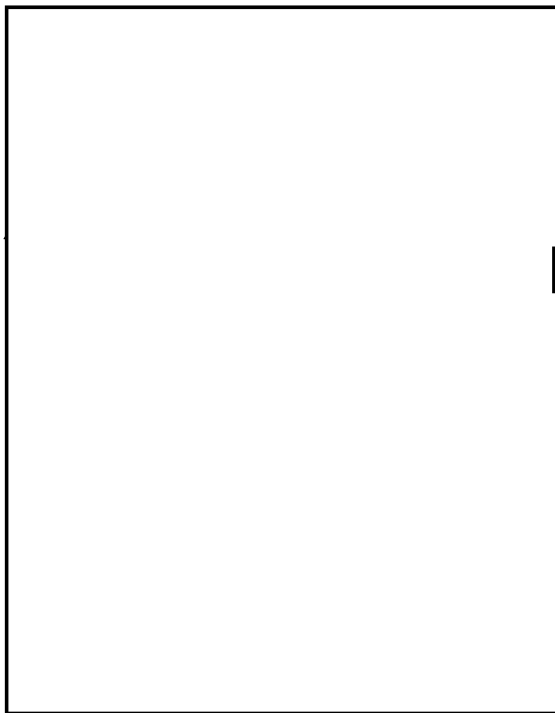
McKees Rocks Club of the Communist Party

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Found the enclosed letter in the wastebasket ~~at~~ at 1005 in which no doubt you are interested.

From discussions I have heard this Club, which is largely made up of workers in Pressed Steel Car, ~~has not been active~~ since [redacted] left town. The chances of registering any of them seems very remote. However the following numbers have been assigned to these members and in subsequent reports will give information on whether the members were re-registered for 1947 or not.

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Mike died within
last week or so*

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P.S. Letter referred to in paragraph one which contains addresses and other pertinent information will be submitted later. After further consideration feel that it must remain in my possession for a few days.

Separationist Movement within the Communist Party - [redacted]

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The party is very much disturbed ~~xxx~~ by the Leftism in the party.

Some of the differences started way back when Sam D'Arcy first took issue with some of the decisions of the National Committee and was thrown out down to the CIO Resolution against Communists. On the recent decision of the Party on the CIO Resolution many of the Members - especially in New York City felt the Party made a serious mistake. Some 25 or 30 of these were banished from the party. From party gossip we learn that these leftist forces within the party are getting together and forming a new party. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ They maintain they are the real party of Marxists in America. Most of their work so far has been carried on ~~in~~ by means of the mails. [redacted] and Sam D'Arcy are supposed to be part of this movement. James Dolson supposedly has received literature from them. Some persons voiced the opinion that these people are using the same mailing list as Browder. This suspicion of course grew out of the fact that Dolson also got literature from Browder.

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There is no reason to believe that this struggle within the ~~xxx~~ party may not gain some additional momentum; This will especially be true if future events prove that the Communist Party Board made a mistake in their action on the CIO Resolution on Communists. This can easily happen as the ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ new congress may also take some steps ~~in~~ on Communism. Or the CIO may use the Resolution ~~in~~ at some future date to oust the Communists.

Jan. 12th., 1947 [redacted]

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Legislative Committee of the Communist Party of W.Pa.
Regular Meeting Friday Morning 1/17/47 ~~XXXX~~ 10:10 A.M.

The Legislative Committee of the Communist Party met in regular session to discuss the following agenda:

1. Rent Control
2. ~~XXXX~~ FEPC
3. Taxation
4. Anti-Labor Legislation
5. Organization

The following attended:

[redacted] for the District and AVC

[redacted] for Professional Groups

[redacted] Jewish Groups

Veterans Committee

Matt Cvetic,

Amer. Slav Congress

[redacted] Women's Congress

SCMWA

Negro Groups.

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In addition the following ~~xxxx~~ members were mentioned as being parts of this committee and were absent.

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Roy Hudson,

for the Party.

On Rent Control question was discussed as to the possibility of influencing State ~~Legislature~~ Legislature on a proposed State Rent Control Bill and discussed were also the organization from which such a bill would have the best possibility of getting consideration.

After discussion it was decided by ~~the~~ the majority that the best possibility of any successful action would best be served by Rent Control legislation emanating from some Veterans Source - either the AVC or Arvets and that other organizations should support them. The meeting felt that the CIO and that unions in general would not have as much success leading such a proposal but that they should together with other Mass Organization such as Slav Groups, Jewish Org., Negro Groups, Women's Committee support this move with resolutions etc. -

In the discussion on FEPC Dave Grant reported a split locally in the groups working and accused of one section working on this as originating a Communist Hunt. He did not elaborate further except to point out the importance of FEPC and continued and expanding action on same. both nationally and state.

On organization it was decided that [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] and one member of the board to be named be on a committee of three to act in the capacity of an Exec. Comm. to plot the agenda, and act on specific bills ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ or emergencies when they arise - they are to meet alternate weeks with the full committee.

In further discussing the organizational phase of the work [redacted] b6 b7C brought out that the work between Eastern and Western Penna. is not very well co-ordinated and that often times we here do not know what is going on in Eastern Pa. and they on the other hand have no knowledge of what we are doing. For this purpose he said Monday and ^{or} Tuesday two comrades will be here from Philadelphia to discuss better co-ordination between the district on legislation.

Time having run out Taxation and Anti-Labor Legislation was not discussed and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M. [redacted] b6 b7C asked Matt Cvetic to lend his name to the Community Action Council (something new?) as the Exec. Secy. of the Congress to sign a call of something - Matt said OK.

GENERAL: ON THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF U.S.A.

This seems to be one of the committees recently organized in the district which may increase in activity and importance. The way this committee ~~operates~~ operates, usually they meet to discuss action on certain bills and then individuals are assigned to carry various assignments into their organizations. Most of the organizations such as the Slav Groups, Jewish Groups, Women's Committee, Labor, veterans, ^{Negro} etc. have within the Party Structure committees which meet and act on problems relating to their particular groups and also to discuss ways and means in which they can contribute to a certain activity. For i.e. on Thursday afternoon of this week the language commission met to discuss language problems; on Monday the Committee which is working in the Women's Congress will meet - and so it goes - the various committees meet usually with [redacted] or Roy Hudson to ~~fix~~ determine their course of action.

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And with the use of such committees the fine art of 'Infiltration' will be utilized to a greater degree in the coming year especially to influence legislation both ~~maximumxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ state and national. Another thing that is often discussed is if a certain issue or project or thing is quashed over then the various members are polled to see who can get to a certain politician, individual, group, etc. to interest or influence them on the activity being discussed for the purpose of getting some action on same. -- At any rate it is apparent that this committee which always existed may become more active in the year of the Lord 1947.

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COMMUNIST PARTY - ORGANIZATIONAL-EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING *

SATURDAY P.M. NOV. 16, 1946 3:30P.M.

The following participated.

[redacted]
Roy Hudson,

[redacted]
Matthew Cvettic,

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[redacted] gave a report on Education Program - Plans were discussed to expand Educational Program for the year 1947. Attention was called to the fact that 1947 is the 100th anniversary of Marxism and appropriate activities commensurate to such an anniversary will be planned.

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[redacted] is coming to Pittsburgh on Dec. 9th to spend two weeks touring the district - - Places mentioned where he ~~will~~ could speak were New Kensington, Farrell, McKeessport, East Pittsburgh, Johnstown and the City.

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The possibility of [redacted] attending the Dec. 7th and 8th Conference of the CP in Chicago were discussed - if possible she will attend both days if she cannot attend both days due to her work she will attend Sunday Dec. 8th. [redacted] was also mentioned as a possible comrade who should go to this meeting. He will probably attend both days.

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A district conference is scheduled for Sunday Nov. 24th at the K OF P. Hall Northside.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30P.M. The meeting deciding that Shop Clubs and Registration be discussed at the next meeting next Saturday at 1:30 P.M. in the Party office.

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Meeting of the Org-Ed Committee of the
Communist Party Sat. 11/23/46 - 130 PM

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The Org-Ed Committee met with the following participating:

[redacted]
Roy Hudson,

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic,

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The agenda:

1. Shop Clubs and Registration
2. Miscellaneous

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[redacted] gave a report on the status of the Shop Clubs. For the district he voiced keen dissatisfaction over the failure of the district to ~~make~~ better work in the Shop Branches. Seriously criticized the District Bureau for not doing a job on this as well as those comrades who are responsible for the work in the Shop Branches. Of the clubs represented Dave Grant reported that East Pittsburgh has 65 members, Wilmerding, 11, Homestead 20, Food 11, Crucible 11 (2 or 3 new ones) J & L ?, McKees Rocks 17.

Dues payments for these clubs range from 10% at Homestead and McKees Rocks to some 35 or 40% in E.P.h. It was pointed out by [redacted]

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[redacted] that of the old members the dues control is 70% or better.

The East Pittsburgh, J & L and Crucible Clubs it was felt were

going along pretty good. Special attention must be given to Homestead Food and McKees Rocks. On Homestead it was said that if someone doesn't go out and help with the registration the only one who will register is [redacted] On Food Dave Grant reported they were tough to get together for a meeting. As a matter of fact he pointed out that during the recent Hotel Strike it was very difficult to get our comrades in the Restaurant and Hotel Workers Union together to discuss procedure in the strike. We practically had to hit them on the head to get them to come to a meeting.

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At McKees Rocks of the seventeen Members, [redacted] has left the city, two of the new members were dropped according to [redacted] because of political reasons and the status of the other 14 members is very much in doubt. One or two of them [redacted] reports come into the office occasionally.

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To better strengthen the work in these clubs it was proposed and voted that Roy Hudson and possible [redacted] work with the Homestead Club. That [redacted] work with Food and that Matt Coetic work with McKees Rocks.

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A final point on the agenda was a criticism charge directed by [redacted] toward [redacted] because of [redacted] work as ~~membership~~ membership director. Some of the friction it seems develops over [redacted] attitude toward [redacted] and also over policy regarding the distribution of the membership books in [redacted] District. (E.PGH) It seems that sharp words were passed between these two [redacted] reported that she [redacted] is boss in the office when Roy, [redacted] or not in since she is a paid functionary and is not to take orders from [redacted]

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The Or. -Ed Committee voted to have a hearing on this at their

mid-December meeting which will be attended by the Org-Ed committee
and also members of the membership committee, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
This concluding the business of the meeting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left for a meeting with the Crucible Comrades ~~where~~ where
[REDACTED] is to conduct a Class at 4:30 P.M.

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Meeting of Org-Ed Committee of the Communist Party Sat 1-4-47 [redacted]

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The regular meeting of this committee was held in the Party Office on Saturday afternoon Jan. 4, 1947 at 3:15 P.M. with the following participating:

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic,

Roy Hudson,

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And the agenda:

Finances,

Lenin-Lincoln-Douglas Memorial Meeting

Good and Welfare.

On finances ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the proposed budget (previously) submitted was gone over. Suggestions from this meeting approved the proposals and also selected a committee composed of [redacted] Matt Cvetic, [redacted] to study it and make suggestions. It was also suggested that names be added to this committee. ~~xxxxxxxx~~. The committee felt that the sustaining fund should be a part of the new budget and that funds should be raised by the means of a picnic, meetings and special events. [redacted] pointed out that \$35. was raised at the New Years party. Also discussed was a proposal advanced by [redacted] at the District meeting that the Budget Committee consider raising the wages of the functionaries.

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In discussion [redacted] said -- note: I AM SURE IF WE WERE PLANNING A REVOLUTION THAT WE COULD RAISE ~~\$\$\$~~ \$200,000 without much trouble so it should be difficult to raise a budget of \$23,000.00

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On the Lenin-Lincoln-Douglas meeting [redacted] reported that the National Secretariate proposed that Gene Dennis come to Pittsburgh for the meeting.

Discussion centered on how big a meeting should be held and [] reported that the Board felt a hall holding some 500 or 600 would be appropriate and that [] also felt so. Matt Cvetic pointed out that in Pittsburgh all outstanding political affairs are held in the W.S. Carnegie Music Hall and for this reason he felt that this should be one of our major political efforts of the year and he should work to make it a success and get a turnout of a thousand or so. [] and Roy Hudson agreed with this. The date of the meeting will be the 14th or 21st of February. [] Matt Cvetic and [] are on the Arrangements Committee to work out details if the meeting is approved by the Bureau on Wednesday Jan. 8th.

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On Good and Welfare the ~~next~~ only point discussed was the next meeting. On this [] proposed that one point be on the agenda. That being AN EXAMINATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD BY THE ORGANIZED COMMITTEE.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

RE: BEN DAVIS MEETING

[redacted] 11/13/46

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A crowd of approximately 650 persons attended a meeting at the Carnegie Music Hall in Northside sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. Ben Davis was the principle speaker.

The entire program was made up ~~xxx~~ of the following persons:

[redacted] of the meeting.

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[redacted]
Roy Hudson,

Ben Davis.

The Magill chorus did the entertaining.

Working on the committee:

In charge of Hall arrangements: Matt Cvetic,

Sale of Literature :

Sale of Tickets :

Collect money for tickets :
sold by clubs

Ticket Taker

In charge of the finances

Usher included

[redacted] - 3 others.

The collection totaled 1183 dollars.

Ben Davis stressed ~~xxxx~~ an Independent 3rd party. -knocked
Pres. Truman (was very scurrulous) stressed a Mass Communist Party in the
U.S. - advocated friendship with Russia and Slav Countries.

Other persons on the stage:

[redacted] Matt Cvetic.

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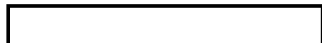
Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Communist Club -

Meeting at the Party Office Sunday A.M. 12/22/46



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The Executive Committee met to discuss the agenda for the coming Fridays Branch meeting with the following participating.



Matt Cvetic.

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Several things were discussed in the meeting:

- 1 Leftism in the Party
- 2 Concentration on Crucible
- 3 Daily Worker.

On the first it was proposed that a thorough discussion be had on Leftism at the next meeting of the branch.

On the concentration work the meeting discussed the plan which would co-ordinate the work of the E.L., Lawrenceville and Crucible Branch around work at the Crucible Steel Mill. Some of this work include distribution of literature, the worker and recruiting. A complete plan will be submitted later.

On the Daily Worker the Club plans to cover the Lawrenceville District next Sunday afternoon with a distribution of the Sunday Worker.

[redacted] 12/7/46

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Org-Ed Committee Meeting of the Communist Party

Saturday P.M. 1:55 P.M. Office in the Bakewell Bldg.

Attended by:

[redacted]
Roy Hudson,

Matt Cvetic,
[redacted]

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Several important questions were discussed on today's agenda -
Because of [redacted] absence due to the illness of his children
the finance report was dispensed with.

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[redacted] trip was discussed at length. [redacted] reported
that [redacted] spent four or five years in the Soviet Union and will
discuss ~~these~~ his experiences in the Soviet Union on ~~this~~ his
tour of Western Pennsylvania. Also it was felt that he would be very
helpful in recruiting especially in the outlying areas. He will also
deal with the mine strike situation if the strike is still on.

One member of the org-ed committee will go with him on each
town he visits. He will start Tuesday night by going to Springdale
to which town he will be accompanied by Cvetic. [redacted]

[redacted] Roy Hudson, [redacted] and Cvetic were assigned
other meetings to attend with [redacted] Attempts will be made to
push the sale of the worker on these trips. Cvetic was asked to
get in touch with the comrades at the language press and to arrange
to carry special articles on the [redacted] meetings. ~~XXXX~~

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[] reported that [] will come in town late Sunday night or by noon of Monday.

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The membership meeting which is to be held Sunday night was dealt with at length and it was agreed that Roy Hudson in his remarks will deal with the recent national committee meeting. Other meetings and discussion to be held will discuss ~~xx~~ new methods of work (not otherwise clarified) in light of developments since August, 1946 and in light of recent elections. The meeting will also deal with the Injunction (Miners³). In the course of the discussion it was brought out that out of a city membership of 350 people the Party has been able to mobilize only 6 people to distribute the worker in the coal mining area. Roy Hudson reported that he had a discussion with some members of the national committee who were for sending 10,000 workers a day into W.Pa. as soon as the coal strike started. He ~~sxxx~~ said they didn't know the facts regarding our district or they wouldn't make such proposals as it was it's a good thing they didn't send them. Andrea ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ squawked about not being able to get some of the youth and others at the language press to move on anything and felt there should be a discussion of their activities. Specifically she referred to the language members who belong to N.S. where she said we have 76 members and have only been able to get 2 people to work on the distribution of the worker.

FROM THE DISCUSSION IT WAS VERY APPARENT THAT THE PARTY HERE IS LUCKY IS THEY CAN ACTIVELY MOVE 10 to 12% of their membership on functional work and some 25 to 30% on general work.

In the discussion we learn that there is a meeting of J & L Comrades tonight at which Bessie Steinberg, Ben Carreathers, Andrea Hudson and Sam Reed will be present. A Crucible meeting is scheduled for this P.M. Grant reports a meeting of the Language Commission for 4 P.M.

Monday 12/10th.

[] ITINERARY AVAILABLE MONDAY MORNING ---

Another point on the agenda was a letter from [] to [] the Org-Ed committee in which he compaains seriously on [] highhanded methods in handling a proposed transfer of [] to the newly organized "STUDENT" CLUB. He said in the letter he was invited by "EBEN" to attend a meeting of the Student Club and that at this me ting [] objected seriously to Sid's parti b6 b7C cipation in such a club because of his recent experience in the U.S. Employment Serv.; she further objected because he was not a full time student feeling that the club was meant for younger students. Further [] objected in the letter to [] attitfude and asked for a hearing. (THE LETTER IS IN [] POSSESSION).

This complaint was put in together with the [] complaint against [] and a combined meeting of the membership meeting with [] Matt Cvetic of the Org-Ed Committee plus members of the "Student" Club will be held (time not specified) to hold a hearing. If no satisfactory dæcision can be reached the whole matter will be refer b6 b7C red to the disciplinary committee. It was also felt by membes that Sid should proceed in the normal channels and first ask for a release from the Homestead Club then the Membership committee can take up the matter of his transfer. In the letter [] remarked that [] also seriously questioned the calibre of [] work and Matt Cvetic speaking up on this mentioned that Sid's work up until this year was excellent and perhaps due to illness he has not been functioning as good as he used to.

OTHER TOWNS ON BEDENKNAPS ~~XX~~ ITINERARY INCLUDE NEWKENSINGTON, RURAL RIDGE, JOINSTOWN, ERIE, MCKEESPORT, FARRELL, AND OTHERS.

The final point on the agenda was Finances and since [] was not present it was decided to postpone general discussion on this b6 b7C

until next meeting which will be held two weeks from today. In the meantime the Org-Ed Committee felt that [] should get together^{b6}_{b7C} with two members of the committee to go over the report and for this purpose Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic were asked to serve on this committee and meet with Joe sometime next week.

Roy Hudson proposed a possible small raffle to raise around a \$1000 to meet expenses incurred in the recent mine strike.

Next Saturday the new Daily Worker committee is going to meet in the office of the Communist Party.

[] left the meeting at ~~4:00 P.M.~~ 4:15 P.M. to attend a meeting of the Crucible Club.

ROY HUDSON MET WITH [] AROUND^{b6}_{b7C} 1:00 P.M. ~~xxxxxxx~~ today. Subject of discussion unknown.

Roy Hudson also met with [] at 2:00 P.M. on which at least some of the discussion was the "Coal Strike"

A FINANCIAL STATE OF INCOME AND EXPENSES IS HEREWITH ENCLOSED. THIS IS ~~XX~~ BY NO MEANS A FULL REPORT AS INDICATED IN THIS REPORT. A FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON WITH BUDGETARY RECOMMENDATION FOR 1947. THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED ON RECEIPT.

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SAC, PITTSBURGH

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, IS - C. REFERRING TO YOUR TELEGRAM FEBRUARY 10. AUTHORITY GRANTED PAYMENT APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS EXPENSE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT CD-113 IN CONNECTION MEETING NATIONAL COMMITTEE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS FEBRUARY 15 AND FEBRUARY 16.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
February 3, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: WOMEN'S CROATTIAN CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is attached hereto a typewritten memorandum received from Confidential Informant C-113 dated January 10, 1947. Copies of this memorandum have been placed in the appropriate files. It is suggested that the attached information be serialized in file 67-2584.

[REDACTED]
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cc 100-1075
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American Committee in New York is now planning a tour for him to appear in their behalf. All this will be discussed at a meeting of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief which is holding a meeting in New York on Wednesday of next week and at which [redacted] will be present for the Croatian Council. According to [redacted] [redacted] feels that our efforts should be put on Political Action.

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Other activities of the councils are to keep publicity flowing into their language newspapers and this is usually taken care of by [redacted]

The following are the Secretaries for the Councils in the various towns: NAMES of leaders of the Women's councils may be submitted ^{LATER} if ~~there~~ there are any full Women's Council existing. To date I have no knowledge of any separate women's council having officers but since they have been carrying on organizational work in the past six months on a broader scale this is a possibility.

MATHER, PA.
NEW BRIGHTON, PA.
AMBLEDGE, PA.
FARRELL, PA.
MCKEES ROCKS, PA.
DONORA, PA.
CLAIRTON, PA.
N.S.PGH., PA.
~~ALBANY, PA.~~
ALBUQUERQUE, PA.
NEW MIDDLETOWN, OHIO
COKEBURG, PA.
MONESSEN, PA.

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Croatian Council - Western Pennsylvania District -- [] 1/10/47

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The Croatian Council maintains an office on the 6th floor of the Bakerell Bldg in Pittsburgh, Pa. - This office is used by the the Council and a Women's Council which functions as a separate organization

[] is the [] of the Council and [] of the Croatian Women's Council - full title Central Council American Women of Croatian Descent.

In the past several months both councils have been busy on organizational work, strengthening their councils, organizing new ones and broadening their activities generally in preparation for a Conference which is

scheduled in April of 1947 and also in preparation for the election of delegates to the Croatian Fraternal Union ~~Convention~~ ^{Convention} which is scheduled

in September 1947. The Delegates to this CFU Convention are elected at Lodge Meetings in the month of May. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Activities

in recent months also were directed at the election of progressive and friendly officers in the lodges of the CFU and to this end much of the efforts of these councils were directed. the Council has also put

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forth an unusual effort in the past six months to raise money for the United Committee in New York. According to [] this Committee has not received any money from the SANS in the past two months and this has placed an additional burden on the Croatian Council. []

~~SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL~~

[] further says that [] told him on the phone today that her doctor advised her to leave the job or at least to take a rest.

[] further says that [] said that if Zlatko Balokovic comes back from Yugoslavia with the idea of expanding the Relief work of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, that he [] would withdraw from the Committee - [] further says that this is exactly what Zlatko Balokovic is doing and that the

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In addition there are Councils located in other sections
of the United States - These names and addresses are on file in the
office
Bakewell Bldg/of the Council.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
February 4, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CENTRAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN
WOMEN OF CROATIAN DESCENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is attached hereto a typewritten memorandum obtained from Confidential Informant C-113 dated January 21, 1947 containing information concerning location and officers of local branches of captioned organization.

It is suggested that this typewritten information be made a matter of permanent record by having it serialized in file 67-2584.

Appropriate action will be taken concerning the distribution of this information in the proper files.

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Central Council American Women of German Descent

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~~xxx~~ Affiliated Organizations Secretaries of Affiliated Organizations.

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Yugoslav Sisters Club
North & Elec Ave.,
E. Pittsburgh, Pa.

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~~xxx~~ said that the locals are ~~xxx~~ known as the American Croatian Womens Club of the town in which they are located - in addition there are some affiliated organizations such as the Yugoslav Sisters, Clubs, Ladies ~~xxx~~ Aux. etc. - There is a large newly organized Club in Youngstown, Ohio with about 50 members.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
February 4, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CENTRAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN WOMEN OF
CROATIAN DESCENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is attached hereto a list of the National Officers
of the captioned organization as furnished by Confidential Informant
C-113 on January 10, 1947.

It is suggested that this typewritten information be
serialized in file 67-2584. *105*

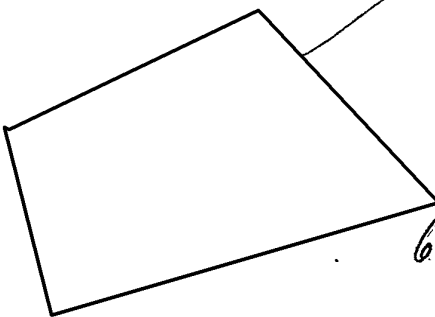
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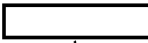
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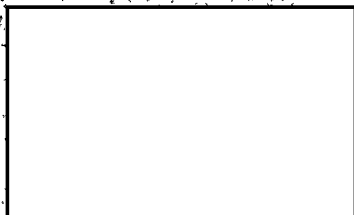
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URGENT

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY C. ON WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH, NEXT, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION WILL MEET IN PITTSBURGH, PA. IN ADDITION TO FUNCTIONARIES OF ASC THE FOLLOWING HAVE RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, AND ZLATKO BALOKAVIC, UNITED COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH SLAVS. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CONFERENCE IN RELATION TO THE BELGRAD SLAV CONGRESS, CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C DASH ONE ONE THREE ~~WHO IS BEING IS~~ ~~THAT IS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF YUGOSLAV~~ ~~RELIEF FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA~~, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE AND PARTICIPANTS. INFORMANT WILL INCUR UNUSUAL EXPENSES FOR HOTEL ROOM, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC. IN VIEW OF HIS POSITION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDED INFORMATION/BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO GRANT PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THESE EXPENSES AND A DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

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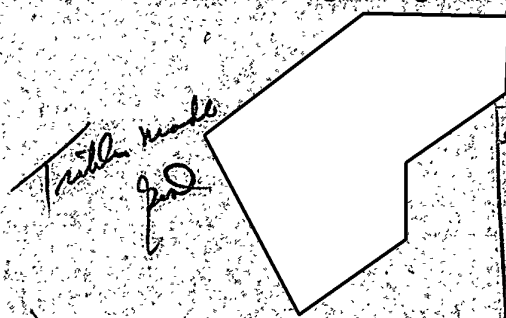
TO : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: January 23, 1947

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National
Defense Informant C-113
Your file 67-2584

In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of January 17, 1947, authorization is granted to pay this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning February 1, 1947.



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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
January 22, 1947

MEMO, SAC

Re: Report of C-113
.dated 1/7/47

Attached is a typewritten report of C-113 dated January 7, 1947, also a letter dated January 4, 1947, advising that a meeting of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party had been scheduled for January 7, 1947, at 8:00 P. M, and also an executive meeting on January 12, 1947.

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All of the above should be filed in informant's file - 67-2584.

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JAN 24 1947	
PITTSBURGH, PA.	
	<i>[Signature]</i>

STUDENT BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ----

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According to a conversation I overheard there are 14 members in the Student Branch of the Communist Party - 12 male and 2 females - Of these 11 are transients and 3 Pittsburgh People.

Attached is a letter dealing with [REDACTED] transfer which I picked up in the wastebasket at 1005 Berger Bldg. It deals with a proposed transfer of [REDACTED] to the Student Branch which is opposed by [REDACTED]

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LAWRENCVILLE CLUB OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY

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Jan. 1, 1947

Dear Comrade,

At the last Club meeting the members voted to change
the meeting night from Fridays to weekly Tuesday meetings.

We will meet this Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 8 o'clock for
the second class on the wage struggle.

Sincerely

[Redacted]

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To executive members;

the executive is scheduled to meet this Sunday morning
Jan. 12th at 10 o'clock.

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January 7, 1947

Dear Matt,

If you remember, the org. committee in one of its November meetings appointed you and [] to attend a Membership Committee meeting at which the transfer of [] will be taken up. This transfer will be the first point on the agenda of the next membership committee meeting, which will take place on Thursday, January 9, at 7.40 in [] house. You are very welcome as an org. committee member to stay through the entire meeting at which we will discuss some other interesting points (or so I hope).

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DRAFT OF A PLAN OF CONCENTRATION ON CRUCIBLE STEEL PLANT

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I -- A plan for concentration on Crucible Steel mill must be related to the following:

What are the major political tasks of our Communist Party and the Club?

a -- To expose to the workers what monopoly capitalism is; and to teach the workers how they can best fight to defeat the reactionary program.

b -- To show that the issues that the people face today are the basis for the organized struggle against the monopolies and their reactionary political representatives. These main issues are:

1. Struggle to maintain our living standards (higher wages, rent control)
2. Defeat the attacks on the labor movement.
3. Fight for progressive legislation.
4. Build a labor-progressive movement for independent political action.
5. Fight for the rights of the Negro people.
6. Fight for peace.

II -- What do we want to achieve?

1. To influence the basic industrial workers

2. To build the Communist Party

a -- Develop an executive committee for each branch (East End, Lawrenceville and Crucible)

b -- To increase the membership of our Party.

Each Crucible member can make a list of workers from the mill to be visited with the Worker to lay the basis for bringing new members into the Party with the objective of doubling the membership of the Crucible unit (to 24 members) in 1947 among the most advanced workers.

c -- To give our Party members a Marxist education so that they will be equipped to guide the workers in the coming struggles with the Trusts.

d -- To develop the political consciousness of the workers in the Crucible steel mill (through leaflets, Worker, pamphlets, petitions, etc.) so that they will react to issues that affect all the people and will take the lead in initiating political activities in the Lawrenceville community.

III -- How will we achieve this plan.

A concrete plan will have to be worked out somewhat along the following lines:

1. Distributing leaflets at mill gate

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a -- A committee to be set up consisting of members from the Crucible, East End and Lawrenceville clubs to write leaflets.

b -- Leaflets to be distributed by Party concentration at least once a month (more depending on events.)

c -- Time -- in the morning during early part of the week.

d -- Purpose -- to be used by Crucible Club members as a basis for carrying on discussions in the mill.

2. Sale of Worker.

a -- Worker to be sold every Monday afternoon (25 copies of Worker to begin with)

b -- Issue a special leaflet on the character of the monopoly press and what makes the Worker different from the Sun-Tolo, Press, etc.

c -- Advertise the Worker with each leaflet we distribute.

d -- Crucible Club members to encourage fellow workers to buy Worker.

IV -- CONCLUSION

In making a plan we must guarantee that

1. Every member will have something to say about the plan and will have the opportunity to make suggestions.

2. That a copy of the draft plan be mailed to every member.

3. That each Club that will participate in carrying out the plan have a discussion on it.

In discussing this plan we want to understand:

1. WHAT do we want to do.

2. WHY do we want to do it.

3. HOW are we going to do it.

4. WHO is going to do it.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
January 22, 1947

MEMO, SAC

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Post Office Box Number 1525
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
January 17, 1947

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~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113
(Bureau file #66-2542)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau memorandum dated October 22, 1946 which granted authority to pay this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning November 1, 1946.

Since the latter date this informant has continued daily participation in Communist activities in the Pittsburgh area and submits frequent detailed typewritten reports concerning same. At the present time, in addition to his association with the Communist Party and the several front organizations mentioned in memorandum from this office to the Bureau dated October 15, 1946, informant has become Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. He accepted this position when the local office of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief with which he was formerly connected was closed in November 1946. In his new position informant is able to furnish excellent coverage of the American Slav Congress and its affiliations with the Communist Party. He has recently furnished much data regarding the Third Western Pennsylvania Conference of the American Slav Congress which is to be held at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. on February 23, 1947.

In addition the informant has furnished complete details concerning the following Communist activities in Pittsburgh since November 1, 1946:

- 5 meetings of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party, USA, District 5;
- 3 meetings of the Lawrenceville Branch, Communist Party;
- 1 meeting of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans held 11-8-46;
- A Communist sponsored BEN DAVIS, JR. meeting held on 11-13-46;
- 1 District #5, Communist Party Committee meeting held on 11-24-46;
- 1 Communist Party District #5 Buro held on 12-14-46.

This informant continues to have daily contacts with Communist Party leaders in this area and is therefore able to report on current Communist Party policy trends. In addition he furnishes this office with volumes of the Communist Party and Communist Party front literature issued both nationally and locally.

In view of these facts, it is requested that this informant's services be continued at the present rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning February 1, 1947.

JTM:DEA
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Very truly yours,

F. A. FLETCHER, SAC

December 29, 1946

12-31-46

Dear Comrade:

The last meeting of the District Committee decided to hold an enlarged District Conference for the purpose of evaluating the work of our District in the light of the recent National Committee meeting and, on the basis of our discussion, adopt a plan of work for the coming year. The District Board has set the date for this Conference on Sunday, February 2nd. It will be an all day Conference and all the information regarding its preparation and organization will be sent out in another letter in two weeks. The main purpose of this letter is to enable you to set February 2nd aside for this Conference.

The District Board proposes that, in addition to members of the District Committee, all members of Section Committees, club Executive Committees and comrades active in trade unions and mass organizations be invited.

In preparation for this Conference we want to urge you to read and study the report made by Comrade Dennis to the last National Committee meeting. This is being printed in pamphlet form and we expect to receive it in the District very shortly. In addition, the January issue of Political Affairs will print the major reports made on Party Organization, union work and other phases of Party activity.

If there are any questions you would like to ask with regard to the above, please don't hesitate to do so.

Comradely yours,

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To All Western Pennsylvania Slavs of Czech, Polish, Croatian, Slovak, Russian, Serbian,
Ukrainian, Carpatho-Russian, Slovenian, Bulgarian and Macedonian Descent and Origin

A CALL

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TO THE

Third Western Pennsylvania Conference

OF THE

American Slav Congress

TO BE HELD IN THE

FORT PITT HOTEL

(English Room)

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sunday, February 23, 1947

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

National News Print
518 Court Place
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.



67-2584-383
F.B.I.
JAN 16 1947
Pittsburgh, PA.

Dear Brothers and Sisters :

America is at the crossroads. There are forces at work in our country who are determined to undo all the glorious achievements of the American people under the leadership of our beloved Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Spokesmen for reaction view the results of the recent congressional elections as a mandate for an all out attack against everything progressive; they are determined to enact laws which would shackle the hands of democratic labor unions and once more place the well being of the American people at the mercy of monopolies and trusts. This must not happen to America.

We join with Henry A. Wallace, Senator Claude Pepper, Elliott Roosevelt and all progressive Americans who support the domestic new era begun by our late President and his foreign policy of Big Three Unity. We reject those who untruthfully and hysterically picture the Slavic Nations of Europe as a menace to America and the world. We are opposed to 'atom bomb diplomacy' and the policy which permits easy entry into our country of quislings, traitors and fascists. We condemn those who would use food and humanitarian aid as a political weapon against friendly nations.

We are proud of the heroic war record of our Slavic brothers in their struggle against Hitlerism and its fascist allies. We are particularly proud of their post-war reconstruction program and efforts to mold their nations on a full democratic pattern. We urge a straightforward American foreign policy which will promote greater understanding and friendship toward the Slavic nations. Loans and economic assistance to these people will show evidence of America's good faith. Food is desperately needed, especially with cessation of UNRRA supplies. Out of America's bounty and food surplus can come a large measure of gratitude to those who have fought beside us in the common struggle.

American Slavs have always been opposed to reaction which brings with it national and international chaos and war. They know that America can only be strong and free if she follows the road of political, cultural and economic progress at home and unites with other democratic peoples throughout the world who are working for permanent peace and security.

To further these progressive policies which coincide with the wishes and best interests of the American people, we are calling upon all American Slav workers, intellectuals, clergymen, businessmen and white collar workers to unite in a coalition that includes the broad front of labor, progressives, liberals and veterans to work for these aims.

We call upon all fraternal, church, cultural, labor, civic, veteran and other organizations to elect delegates to this conference and to join in building a FORWARD MARCHING AMERICA.

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

[Redacted]

MATTHEW CVETIC, Executive Secy. W. Penn a.

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**HEAR A
REPORT OF THE
Belgrade All Slav Congress**

Credentials

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

OF THE

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sunday, February 23, 1947

Name of Organization.....	
Address of Organization.....	
Postoffice	
National Extraction.....	Number of Members
We will be represented by.....delegates	
Name	Name
Address	Address
Postoffice	Postoffice
Name	Name
Address	Address
Postoffice	Postoffice
Name	Name
Address	Address
Postoffice	Postoffice

REGISTRATION: Will start at 9:00 A. M. in the Lobby of the Fort Pitt Hotel

REGISTRATION FEE: A registration fee of \$1.00 per delegate to help defray the expense of the conference.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Volunteer contributions to help carry on the work of the Congress will be gratefully received and acknowledged at the conference.

Make all checks and money orders payable to the :

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Mail checks, money orders and credentials to:

1005 BERGER BUILDING, PITTSBURGH (19) PA.

Active Members and Sponsors of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania:

	American Fraternal Union	b6
	Slovak Presbyterian Church, Braddock, Pa.	b7C
Arthur Bartl	American Veterans' Committee	
	Local 1272, United Steel Workers of America, CIO	
	Carpatho Russian Organization "Unity"	
	Croatian Council	
	Ludovy Dennik — Slovak Peoples Daily	
	Monongahela Valley News	
	Croatian Women's Council	
	Russian-American Fraternity	
	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
	Russian-American Fraternity	
	American Slav Congress of Monessen, Pa.	
	Slovak Workers Society	
	American Serbian Democratic Women's Club	
	St. George Serbian Church, S. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.	
	Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union	b6
	American Slav Congress of Monessen, Pa.	b7C
	Local 1211, United Steel Workers of America, CIO	
	Polish American Civic League	
	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
	Croatian Fraternal Union of America	
	Congress of Industrial Organizations	
	United Steelworkers of America, CIO	
	Slovenian Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
	Croatian Fraternal Union of America	
	United American Slavs of Ohio Valley	
	Bridgeport, Ohio, Conference of American Slav Congress	
	United Steelworkers of America, CIO	
	Croatian Fraternal Union	
Anthony Minerich	Narodni Glasnik, Croatian Peoples Daily	
	Slovenian Mutual Beneficial Society (SNPJ)	
	Polish Labor Council	
	National Slovak Society	
	Slovenian Catholic Beneficial Union (KSKJ)	
	Russian Brotherhood	
	United Committee South Slav Americans, Pittsburgh	
	Amalgamated Clothing Workers	
	American-Russian Fraternal Society (IWO)	
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	Serbian Vidovdan Congress	
	American Veterans Committee	
	Ukrainian Workingmen's Association	
	American Slav Congress of Allegheny Valley	
	Narodne Noviny	
	Slovak Evangelical Union	
	Slovenian Mutual Beneficial Society (SNPJ)	

HEAR A REPORT OF THE BELGRADE ALL SLAV CONGRESS

Dec. 14th., 1946

[redacted]
Communist Party - Bureau Meeting - Saturday a.m. and p.m. Pittsburgh
Hotel - Room Number [redacted] previously reported. (willing to Room -
Regd [redacted]) b6 b7C

The Bureau of the Communist Party together with certain members of the Org-Ed Committee met to ~~xxxxxxx~~ hear a report on the National Committee meeting recently held in New York. The Bureau met first at 9:30 and some discussion ensued as to whether the members of the Org-Ed Committee should be permitted to participate in the meeting. after a half hour discussion it was decided to let them participate to the degree where they could hear the report but not be permitted to participated in the discussion. The following persons participated in the meeting:

Roy Hudson, Bureau

[redacted] Bureau [redacted] of meeting)

[redacted] Natl. Comm. Member - member of Bureau.

[redacted] Member of Bureau.

[redacted] Member of Bureau,

[redacted] Member of Bureau.

[redacted] Member of Bureau.

[redacted] Member of Bureau.

[redacted], Org-Ed Comm.

Matt Cyclic, Org-Ed Comm.

[redacted] Org-Ed. Comm.

Steve Nelson, Nationality Commission - participated in ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ late mornin and P.M. sessions.

[redacted] gave the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ National Committee report.

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Basically the report contained two ~~main~~ outstanding recommendations. The first was the Labor and Wage Fight. The report recommended that the wage fight must be carried on on a different basis. Referring to the elections and mine strike it was pointed out in the report that only by working out a coalition of the labor forces can the wage fight be won. An effort to bring the party closer to the workers and the masses and to educate and help in the struggle was recommended. A complete re-examination of the work and re-orientation on a basis of struggle is recommended.

The second basic point covered in the report was the Third Party Movement which is strongly recommended. A coalition of labor, progressive, pro-Roosevelt forces into a Third Party Movement is recommended. Warnings against premature third party movements were given in the report. It was also pointed out that the fact that a Third Party is established that candidates in other parties would not be supported in democratic or republican parties. On the contrary pro-labor and progressive candidates would be given the support of the New Third Party.

Instead of adopting the decisions of the Chicago Conference the report recommends that the Party be guided by Dennis's 15 Point Program which according to the report is more complete and more inclusive.

After this report there was discussion by Roy Hudson and other ~~the~~ members of the bureau. The afternoon session was for the bureau members alone. Report on this session later.

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

National Executive Office

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December 11, 1946

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Mr. Matthew Cvetic, Secretary
American Slav Congress of W. Pa.
1005 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Dear Matt:

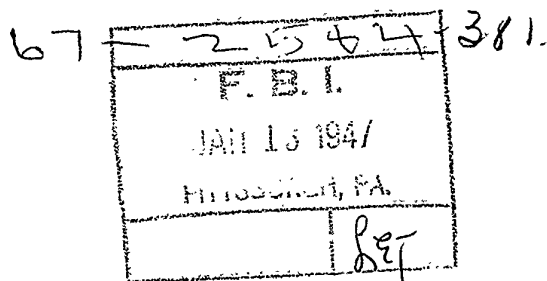
In connection with our projected National Committee meeting in Pittsburgh February 15 and 16, will you please make the arrangements for a meeting room at the William Penn Hotel, to seat about 100 people? Thanks.

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Kindest regards.

Fraternally yours,

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Dec. 13th., 1946

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American Slav Congress,
New York City.

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Dear [redacted]

With regard to your letter I will contact the William Penn Hotel today and see if anything is available for February 15th and February 16th.

On the "Campaign for 50,000 Contributing Members" since we have just started something else locally for the purpose of financing a local Congress, my opinion is that we would achieve much better success if we started off our campaign for the "Contributing Members" at our Third Western Pennsylvania Conference where we expect a real mobilization.

We will have a meeting in the office on Monday afternoon and Brothers [redacted] and others will be in to go over the call which should be ready and in the printers hand on Tuesday morning. b6 b7C

The letter we sent out on literature wasn't a bad idea. So far at least five organizations have sent in letters for Leo's pamphlet and no doubt others will come in. This is one phase of our work that can be given a little impetus.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Cvetic, Exec Secy
for Western Penna.

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TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF STATE AND CITY COMMITTEES

Dear Friends:

We are planning to call a meeting of the National Committee and Chairmen and Secretaries of State and City Committees in February to consider the following:

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1. Report on the Belgrade All-Slav Congress
2. Our tasks in 1947
3. Campaign for 50,000 Contributing Members
4. American Slav Congress publication

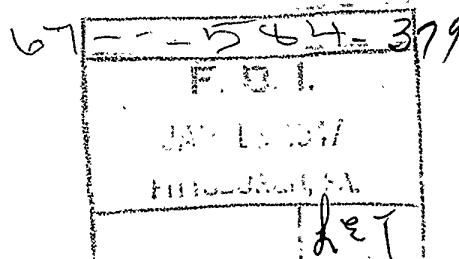
The meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, and is scheduled to begin Saturday, February 15, at 2 p.m. and to end Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m.

This will be an extremely important meeting, and all members of the National Committee and State and City Committees are urged to make every effort to attend. Please indicate on the enclosed postcard that you will come to this meeting.

Fraternally yours,

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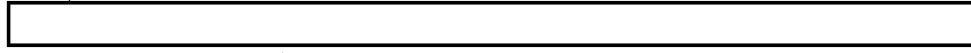


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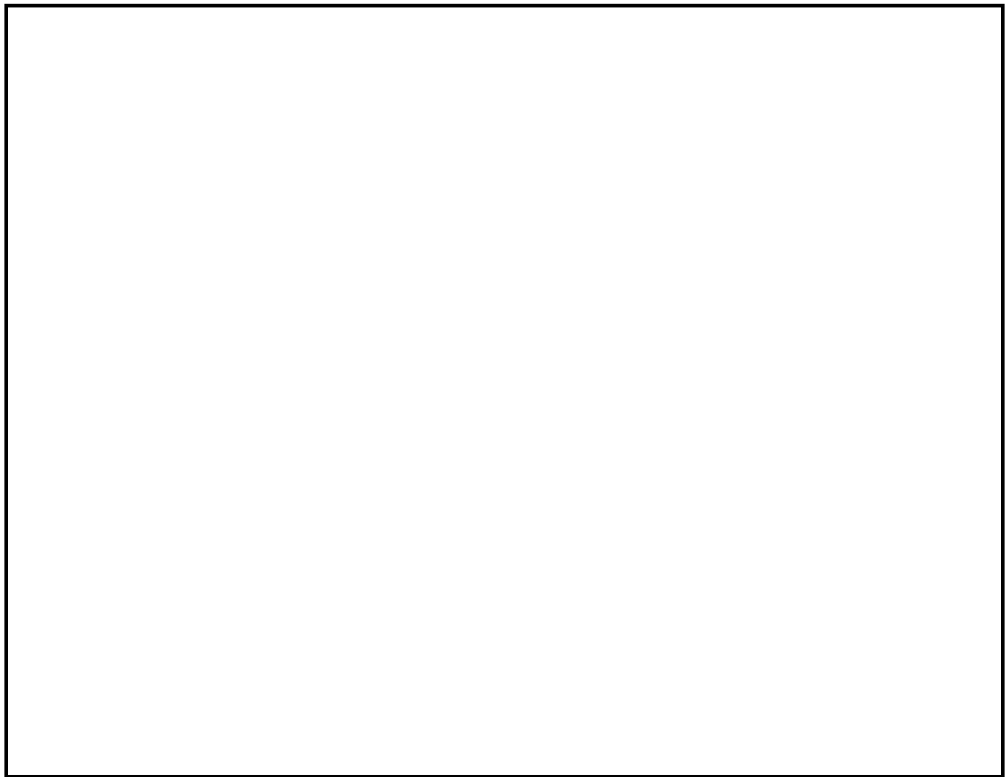
Meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party held on
Sunday afternoon, November 24, 1946 at the K Off Hall, N.E. Pgh.

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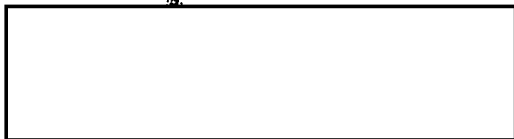


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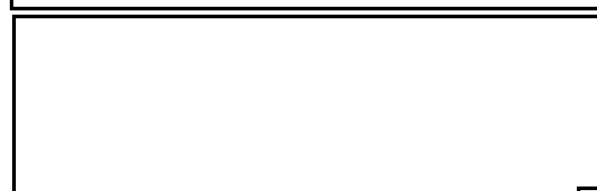
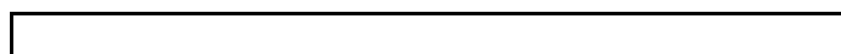
Matthew Cretic, Lawrenceville,



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??????? (Possibly Weinstock - from N.Y. -
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here for the coal strike.

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[redacted] (attended morning session)

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about half a dozen other people participated who were not known to me.

Roy Hudson made the morning report and he reviewed the work of the party for the past year. ~~and~~ He stressed the importance of support of the coal strike. ~~and~~ Pointed out that our job is to point out to the miners that the ultimate solution to their problems is Socialism.

[redacted] made the afternoon report on the Daily Worker and Registration.,

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Called attention to some good work that has been done by a comrade in the Hill who worked up a route where he sells 75 workers every week and commented [redacted] on the work she has been doing on the Sale of the worker in front of Crucible. Stressed the political importance of the sale of the worker. On registrations he pointed out that in line with the new "Tightening" of the policy by the Party no one will be registered who is not paid up to September.

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Further in the discussion [redacted] called attention to a group of former New York Communist who have organized a new revolutionary movement directed against the Communist Party. He said that [redacted] [redacted] formerly from Pittsburgh was one of the leaders of this movement and that they expect to carry on some of their work in the Pittsburgh area.

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[redacted] participated in the discussion on the Worker and Registration report.

COPIES OF ROY HUDSON'S REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED AND RELEASED TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

[redacted] further asked that [redacted] be excused indefinitely from their assignments in W.Pa. due to [redacted]

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illness which necessitate them going to New York for treatment. He also proposed that [] be elected to the District Board - this was done. One vacancy existing will be filled in January meeting.

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The "Examination Board" which makes the investigation of the District Committee ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ will make its full report at the January meeting. [] and two other persons are members of this Board. The meeting further voted to continued [] together with [] as the Disciplinary Committee.

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A Full District meeting will be called in January to discuss the National Committees report of their December meeting.

Briefly the meeting decided to carry on a real Daily Worker Drive, to try to register everyone and to carry on their work in a more Communistic manner.

Roy Hudson in his report proposed that a Western Pennsylvania publication be discussed. This would be a publication which would be published once a month and would carry local CP and labor news. A Board of nine was elected to study the possibilities:

Roy Hudson, []

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The fellow from New York is the one who stressed that we must learn how to work like communists aim. He said he used to be in Pittsburgh in 1929 and 1931 - He has a brother and other relatives living here - a brother I think owns a store.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

If there are any questions will try to answer same.

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REPORT BY [REDACTED] 12/3/46

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Meeting of Communist Club of Lawrenceville , Executive Committee
Tues. Even. Dec. 3rd in the Office of the CP Bakewell Bldg.

The following attended:

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Matt Cvetic,

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The meeting was given over mostly to discussion of the activities of the club and a program of action which will be adopted for the 1947 season.

Current activities involve distribution of the worker to a list of people who signed a Price Control petition for the Comm. Party some months ago. They will be visited with the worker.

A Broad program is being worked out where the members of the Crucible Steel Br (14 strong) the Lawrenceville Club and the E.E. Club will concentrate on the Crucible Steel works. The plan calls for co-ordinated action on the distribution of the Worker, Literature, recruiting of possible members and other activities. the in-the-plant members activities will be carried on within there union such as trying to get a plant paper started and carry the line of the Comm. Party and otherwise to encourage the workers to follow the party line. E.E. and Lawrenceville will do the recruiting and surface work. A bulletin will shortly be mimeographed on the entire program and distributed to the membership.

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Membership meeting of the Communist Party held at the K of P Hall, Arch St. N.S. Sunday evening, Dec. 8th. 1946

Approximately 100 members of the Communist Party attended a meet which was called for the purpose of discussing the Miners Strike and also to stimulate the sales of the Worker. The principal speaker of the meeting was Roy Hudson, District Chairman, [redacted] from the National Committee, [redacted] of the meeting.

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Stress was placed at the meeting by Roy Hudson on developing a new method ~~work~~ of work, which would include getting out ~~the~~ on the streets and door to door and distribute the worker and literature. He called attention to the fact that out of the entire membership of W.Pa. we were only able to mobilize 9 persons to distribute the worker in the Mining areas ~~and~~ today and the previous Sunday were able to get only a few to go out into the mining town and distribute a Statement by the Party on the Miners Strike. He also said we have about 35 cars in the Party but when we ~~send out~~ call for volunteers with car we are able to get only one or two. A new ~~spirit~~ Communist Spirit was called for from the membership. He also stressed that the struggle is just beginning and we must learn how to fight well organized forces of reactionaries. They are using atomic bombs weapons and we are fighting with powder puffs. I say it is time we put away the powder puffs and start fighting back like real Communists should. He also stressed the necessity of the progressive forces joining together and also of them uniting behind [redacted] program.

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Other speakers included Fred Bedenkamp who spoke on the worker and Daily worker and [redacted] who said THE MAJORITY OF THE COMRADES HAVE ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED. and also

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Others who spoke were [REDACTED]

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A PAMPHLET "PRESENTING JOSEPH COOK" WHICH IS BEING GIVEN WIDE DISTRIBUTION BY THE PARTY IS ENCLOSED * SOME 10,000 OF THEM BEING DISTRIBUTED OUT OF THE PARTY OFFICE.

ALSO A NOTE FROM ANDREAD TO A PERSON BY THE NAME OF MATT WHICH I PICKED UP OFF THE FLOOR IS ENCLOSED.

Roy Hudson stressed the necessity of all the work in the light that this must be used as an approach to a Third Party Movement in this country. That is the coalition of Progressive and Language forces, the uniting of the labor forces and getting behind [REDACTED] Program.

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Lunch was served after the meeting.

Communist Party - Meeting of Language Commission

Monday P.M. 4:00 - Office of IWO 7th Floor Columbia Blvd.
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The Language Commission held a meeting with the following present:

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Roy Hudson,

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic,

[redacted] were there to discuss the participation of
the IWO in the election ~~xxx~~ in the CIO. [redacted]

[redacted] were especially active in this subject which included
the campaigning for votes in the Southside (J & L Dist.) for [redacted]

[redacted] Special emphasis was placed by [redacted] on the
efforts that are being made to elect [redacted]

The second point on the agenda was the America Slav Congress -
Matt Cvetic reporting on the Dec. 1st meeting of the Slav Congress at the
Majfair Hotel reported that 35 or 40 persons participated. He was
critical of the fact that certain comrades who were instrumental in
calling the meeting ~~xx~~ later arrangement meetings within their own
two or other organizations and did not support the meeting - He
reported further that the Committee passed resolutions on the Linen's
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Department Stores. He also said the Committee voted to hold an American Slav Conference on February 23rd and a Musical Festival in May of 1947. Further he reported the committee voted to raffle off a car and he reported that ~~2~~ 2000 tickets have already been distributed on this raffle. A working committee is also to be organized with two or three from each nationality group.

Roy Hudson asked for a show of hands of those who participated in the Dec. 1st meeting and only Matt Cvetic who is the Secy. of the Congress raised his hand. He was very critical of the comrades who talk a'out the necessity of having a Congress but doing nothing about it. - On issues he said the Congress should develop the Fight for Boans to Slav Countries - Conduct acitivites which will interest the Slavs. Develop a fight through the Slav Congress on Certain issues. He asked "Do we want a Slav Congress"? IF WE DO HE SAID THE ~~KNOWER~~ IT WILL BE UP ~~THE~~ TO THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP IN THE SLAV MOVEMENT . IF THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY THEN WE MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK TO WHERE WE WERE. He said the Secy should write to New York and get the decisions and resolutions of the National Congress. - Other issues raised by [] which the Slav Congress could do something about was the bringing in to the country with the approval of the State Department pro-fascists and quislings. The question of Relief was also raised. A slongan "Keep the Quislings out of America" was raised.

Roy Hudson, Matt Cvetic [] were given the responsibility of calling a meeting of leading Comrades in W.Pa. to a meeting on Thurs Dec. ~~10th~~ 19th on which there will be one joint on the agenda The Slav. Congress. It was further decided that [] [] and Matt Cvetic meet Thursday afternoon Dec. 12th and

prepare a call for the Congress. After they are finished thenq Matt
is to discuss the Call with Roy Hudson and after that call a meeting of
the Slav Congress Committee and have it approved.

The business of the meeting having been completed it adjourned
at 6:00 P.M.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 31, 1946

MEMO, SAC

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113

By letter dated December 27, 1946, the above-captioned informant forwarded to this office the following items:

- (1) A specimen of [redacted] handwriting
- (2) A draft of a plan of concentration of the Crucible Steel plant
- (3) Report to the Board of Directors of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, dated December 3, 1946
- (4) Minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, dated December 3, 1946
- (5) Statistical data concerning the eighth shipment of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc., on November 12, 1946
- (6) Statistical data concerning the ninth shipment of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief dated November 19, 1946.

The above items have been routed to the separate investigative files on each of these subjects.

This memorandum has been written for the express purpose of indicating in the informant's file the receipt of the above items from him.

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American Slav Congress of Western Pa. [redacted]

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Meeting Mayfair Hotel, Sunday, Dec. 8th., 1946

The American Slav Congress held a meeting on Sunday afternoon in the Crystal to discuss a program of re-organization and to act on the issues of the day including the Miners Strike, the Bilbo Ouster and the fight to have Dept. Store employ Negroes in Pittsburgh.

Some 25 persons attended the meeting:

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Matt Cvetic, Exec. Secy, W. Pa.

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The above five spoke and conducted the meeting. ~~in~~ Additional names of those attending the meeting are attached.

The meeting was first addressed by Matt Cvetic who read and discussed the purpose of the meeting. He called upon the meeting to organize a permanent Slav Congress; to pass on a proposed Slav Conference the latter part of February; proposed a Musical Festival for May 1st. asked for action on resolutions on the Miners strike, the Bilbo Ouster and on the Employment of Negroes in the Pgh. Dept. Stores. Proposed that a raffle be conducted in W. Pa. to raise funds for the Slav Congress and also proposed that those present take advantage of the literature being distributed by the Congress.

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[redacted] spoke on the Contributing Membership books which are now being circulated by the National Office to the

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various Districts. (SEVERAL BOOKS WILL BE SUBMITTED LATER)

He pointed out that Contributing members can be subscribed for \$1. And that \$5 and \$10 memberships are also available. With the \$5 membership, the members will receive a copy of every pamphlet put out by the Slav Congress. For the \$10 membership the member will receive free in addition to the pamphlets a MAGAZINE WHICH WILL BE PUT OUT BY THE SLAV CONGRESS AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

He also said that ~~the~~ local Congress should invite Zlatko Balokovic who is to RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES ON DECEMBER 18th and also [REDACTED] WHO WILL RETURN SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY 1947. He also said that some of the delegates will return in February while others won't be back until May. He also said four additional delegations (making a total of 12) left U.S. For Belgrade Saturday.

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[REDACTED] spoke about the first slav congress of 1978 and [REDACTED] spoke about the general necessity for the Congress.

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[REDACTED] in his remarks said QUOTE: THE PEOPLE IN EUROPE HAVE DEMOCRACY NOW I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE IT IN THIS COUNTRY BUT MIGHT HAVE IT SOON IF WE WORK FOR IT.

A proposal was made by the floor that a committee of two or three from each language group be set up to work on the coming conference. It was also proposed that Leo Krzycki be invited to the coming February Conference.

This concluding the business of the meeting it stood adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

LIST OF THOSE ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF A.M. LAT. CONGRESS
MAYOR'S HALL, SUNDAY DEC. 8TH.

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CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
RECEIPT TO: MARSHAL HOTEL SUNDAY DEC. 3TH

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SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION #104 \$5.00

American Fraternal Union #16 \$5.00

SNPJ Lodge #3 \$5.00

American Croatian Citizens Club \$20.00

American Fraternal Union #36 \$10.00

SNPJ Lodge #289 \$5.00

Polonia Soc. \$5.00

OFU Lodge #126 \$5.00

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Dec. 1, 1946

Re: American Slav Congress of W. Pa.

Meeting between Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic on Friday afternoon Nov. 29th., 1946 to discuss program for the Amer. Slav Congress meeting scheduled Sunday P.M. December 1st. - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

On Friday afternoon Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic met in Roy's office and discussed the Amer. Slav Congress from 2:30 until 4:00 P.M. Matt raised many questions regarding the Congress on policy and organization and also complained because the Ukrainians Slovaks, Serbians and Croatsians were holding meetings on the same day. He complained further that the co-operation from the comrades has not been too good and that it is time a lot of the dam sectarian work stops and if our comrades want a strong slav congress to quit the goddam nonsense and get down to work. Roy called [] at the IWO and also [] at the Language Press and raised hell with them. Matt said what the hell the use kidding ourselves if we want a strong Slav Congress and I think we all agree it is necessary the party forces must form the bulwark.

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Matt reported that []

[] would speak at the meeting. He reported that [] would be out of town.

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Roy suggested that a resolution be prepared in advance on the coal mine strike and suggested the following, patterned after a resolution adopted by a the local a handwritten copy which was on [] Roy's desk.

RESOLVED: We the American Slav Congress of W. Pa. join with the CIO and the AF of L in condemning the infraction secured by the government against the miners. We demand that President Truman withdraw the infraction and proceed to meet the just demands of the

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miners.

The Slav Congress will join with all other organizations in supporting the strike.

Point out in the resolution that the high demands of the miners is more than justified by the FOL since the discontinuance of Price Control.

Further call upon the State Govt. and Governor Martin to adhere to the established policy that entitles the miners to WC after 2 weeks

Call upon all slav organizations to co-operate with the mine s and to organize to protect against the injustice being perpetrated.

Send copies to Pres. Truman, Gov. Martin, Phillip Murray, John L. Lewis and to the Press

Roy further told Matt that he should discuss the Chicago Conference with [redacted] and also further proposed to Matt that he arrange to have a miner speak at the meeting.

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Roy also said to dig up something on Balbo on his stand against the slavs.

On concluding the business of the meeting, Roy told Matt to see him Monday and let him know how the meeting was.

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
1005 Berger Bldg.,
Pittsburgh (19) Pa.

for immediate news release

Resolved:

We the members of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania join with the CIO and the AFL in condemning the injunction secured by the government against the miners. We call upon President Truman to withdraw this injunction and to proceed to meet the just wage demands of the miners in view of the fantastic rise in the cost of living.

We feel that a suitable wage adjustment, not 'Injunction Law' is the real solution to the miners strike.

We further call upon Governor Martin and the State Government to adhere to the established policy which entitles the miners to Unemployment Compensation Benefits after two weeks.

And we call upon all Slav organizations in Western Pennsylvania to join in this resolution, to co-operate with all groups organized to fight against this injunction and to organize support for the miners.

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The United Committee of South-Slavic Americans

465 LEXINGTON AVENUE • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • ELDORADO 5-6017

Honorary President
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ZLATKO BALOKOVIC

November 12, 1946.

Central Council American Women
of Croatian Descent,
632 Bakewell Bldg.,
Pittsburgh 12, Pa.

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Dear Mrs. Devunich:

Members

STEPHAN LOYEN

ANTHONY MINERICH

Members-at-large

PURPOSES

1. To promote the dynamic unity of Americans of South-Slavic descent in order to strengthen the United States and the United Nations in their efforts toward world peace.
2. To encourage Americans of South-Slavic descent to participate fully in all processes to advance political, economic, social and ethnic democracy in the United States of America.
3. To foster in the United States of America an ever greater understanding of the South-Slavic peoples, their history, culture and traditions.

Attached please find two

receipts for your two checks in the amounts of \$100. and \$2. forwarded to us by your Council in support of the Committee's work.

We were delighted to hear that your Council would endeavour to sponsor some affair from which proceeds would be turned over for the work of the United Committee. This proves the understanding and farsighted outlook your women have of the political developments in the world today. We certainly now, more than ever, need all the moral and material support we can possibly get if our Committee is to continue functioning effectively.

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Therefore please commend your co-workers for their fine decision and extend to them our kindest regards, deepest thanks and appreciation.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely

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New York 17, N. Y.

No. 3131

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November 29, 1946

TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO ALL STATE AND CITY COMMITTEES AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Friends:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our new 8-page pamphlet containing the program of action which the delegates to the Third American Slav Congress unanimously adopted last September in New York.

The National Executive Office feels that this pamphlet can be of great help to all State and City Committees and affiliated organizations in their efforts to carry the message of the American Slav Congress to millions of Slavic Americans in the present period of the building of the peace.

The pamphlet should be utilized most extensively in the drive for contributing members, which is now being undertaken and during which we expect to enroll tens of thousands of supporters of the American Slav Congress in every city and state of the union.

The 6-point program, outlined in the pamphlet, is the basis on which the drive for contributing memberships will be conducted. It is for the fulfillment of this program of action in 1947 that we are asking Slavic Americans to join as contributing members. Only with the most energetic and wholehearted financial backing by all friends of the American Slav Congress can we expect to carry out our fighting program of action.

The delegates to the Third American Slav Congress gave full support to and most enthusiastically approved this program. They also pledged to do everything in their power to help fulfill it.

In a few days all the delegates to the Third Congress and each affiliated organization and State and City Committees will receive applications for contributing membership, with a more detailed outline on what the campaign is all about and how it is being carried out.

Faternally yours

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS ISSUES NEW PAMPHLET

New York, Dec. 2, 1946: A new 8 page pamphlet, containing the program of the American Slav Congress as outlined at the New York convention last September, was issued today by the National Executive Office.

The pamphlet is part of the campaign to further strengthen the American Slav Congress as the fighting organization of millions of Slavic Americans in the struggle for the establishment of a just and lasting peace. It tells what the Congress is, what it stands for and what it does to implement its program for peace, security and progress. Appropriate drawings illustrate each point of the program.

Unanimously adopted by more than two thousand delegates at the Third American Slav Congress, the program calls for the following:

1. Restoration of Roosevelt's Peace Policy of Big Three Unity.
2. Relief and Loans on Friendly Terms to our Allies.
3. Political Action in Support of Progressive Candidates.
4. Realization of FDR's Economic Bill of Rights.
5. Eradication of Anti-Semitism and Jim-Crowism.
6. Strengthening Friendship between America and the Slavic Countries.

The National Executive Office plans a wide distribution of the pamphlet in connection with the drive for tens of thousands of contributing members in 1947. There will be three categories of membership: Contributing - \$1.00; Supporting - \$5.00; and Sustaining - \$10.00.

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The pamphlet is free and may be ordered from the American Slav Congress,
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TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF STATE AND CITY COMMITTEES

Dear Friends:

We are planning to call a meeting of the National Committee and Chairmen and Secretaries of State and City Committees in February to consider the following:

1. Report on the Belgrade All-Slav Congress
2. Our tasks in 1947
3. Campaign for 50,000 Contributing Members
4. American Slav Congress publication

The meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, and is scheduled to begin Saturday, February 15, at 2 p.m. and to end Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m.

This will be an extremely important meeting, and all members of the National Committee and State and City Committees are urged to make every effort to attend. Please indicate on the enclosed postcard that you will come to this meeting.

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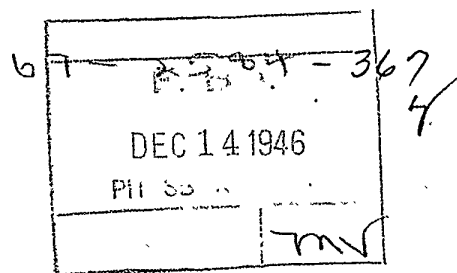
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NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE ON ALL-SLAV CONGRESS IN BELGRADE

In its issue of December 10, the New York Herald-Tribune carried the following AP dispatch on the opening session of the American Slav Congress:

BELGRADE, Dec. 9: Premier Marshal Tito opened the All-Slav Congress yesterday with a plea for stronger unity so that Slav peoples "never again will serve foreign interests and the terrible tragedy of a world war will never occur again."

Delegates from Russia, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria and the American Slav Congress attended and heard Tito say: "The Slavs have a great mission in the world today, but it is not to form a Pan-Slav bloc. Enemies for centuries have made the Slavs fight against each other, but now the Slavs will be united in their own interests and in the interest of all progressive humanity."

Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin, Crimean hero, headed the Russian delegation. His dress uniform bore many medals. Two other generals were in his delegation.

Tito was applauded loudly when he thanked Russia and its Soviet Army "who liberated the Slavs and others."

"We are not forming a bloc against other nations but are making possible a just, better and firmer peace," [] said. "We are not threatening the independence of others, because we know what it is to be free and what it is to be oppressed. We are against anyone who is now pushing toward a new war."

An American delegate, Zlatko Balokovic, scored more applause than most speakers when he cried that "no atomic bomb can destroy the unity of the Slav people." He eulogized President Roosevelt, whose name received as much applause as that of Stalin or Tito. Balokovic said America needs most today a new Roosevelt to carry on the late President's ideas.

The eight American delegates include Dr. George Buban, a Missouri State Senator and vice-president of the American Slav Congress.

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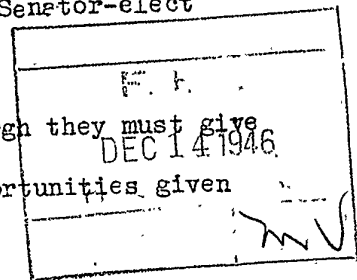
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The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania met in the Mayfair Hotel in Pittsburgh on Sunday December 1st to commemorate its 8th anniversary. Stephen Zeman, National Secretary of the Congress in his speech reminded all members of the historic importance of Pittsburgh which held the 1st. American Slav Congress in the world in December of 1938. Plans were laid at the meeting for the calling of an American Slav Conference in Pittsburgh the latter part of February.

Three resolutions were passed:

1. Calling upon President Truman to rescind the injunction against the miners and to meet their just wage demands which are made necessary by the fantastic rise in the cost of living.
2. The meeting asked the Pennsylvania Senators to join all progressive American people in preventing the seating of the unamerican Senator-elect Bilbo from the State of Mississippi.
3. Notify the big five department stores in Pittsburgh they must give negro applicants for sales work the same privileges and opportunities given white persons and that racial discrimination must cease.

In closing the meeting sent greetings to the All Slav Congress which is scheduled to convene in Belgrade on Sunday December 8th.



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New York, Nov. 23, 1946: A Slavic American delegation, headed by Judge George B. Urban of St. Louis, left for Belgrade yesterday to attend the All-Slav Congress, to be held on December 8.

In addition to Urban, the delegation, representing the National Committee of the American Slav Congress, includes Mary Pirinsky and Michael Tkatch. In Belgrade they will join Mr. Zlatko Balokovic, Vice-President of the Congress, who with Mrs. Balokovic is on an extended visit to Yugoslavia and other countries. The fifth member of the group representing the National Committee is Joseph Martinek, who is at present in Prague and was asked to go to Belgrade.

Others who left on the Ile de France yesterday are: Ann Takich, representing the American Slav Congress of Michigan; Nicholas Marcoff of Detroit, representing the Macedonian-American people's League; Bocho Mircheff of the Bulgarian-American People's League, Detroit; ¹⁰⁰⁻¹¹⁹⁷ Tony Minerich, editor of "Narodni Glasnik", Pittsburgh; and Milo Vujacich of Dearborn, Mich., representing ⁶¹⁻¹¹⁹ "Slobodna Rec", Pittsburgh.

All were granted United States passports as fraternal delegates to the Belgrade All-Slav Congress. They will attend the Congress with a consultative voice in the deliberations.

The All-Slav Congress in Belgrade will consider the role of the Slav people in the struggle for peace and democracy, as well as their contribution in the development of world culture.

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November 13th., 1946

Dear member:

The danger which faces the American people as a result of the elections is a real threat to our economic security at home as well as a potential threat to world peace and lasting friendship with the Slavic nations.

Since the elections it has become evident if the fight for the ideals and principles for which our late president Franklin Delano Roosevelt fought is to be continued it can only be carried on through such organizations as the American Slav Congress. We must unite with such stalwart Americans and great leaders of the type represented by Henry A. Wallace and Senator Claude Pepper who work for the objectives of our late president.

We are calling a meeting of all American Slav leaders in Western Pennsylvania together with the delegates who attended the New York Congress and members who have participated in previous congresses and conferences. This meeting is to lay plans for a permanent organization to work the year round and to become a real outlet for progressive expression and activity.

You are requested to attend this meeting which will be held on the Roof Garden of the Mayfair Hotel on Sunday afternoon December 1st at 2:00 P.M. Every lodge, union, fraternal, social and veterans organization must be represented to participate in a broad discussion. Money will be needed to carry on the work of the congress. Ask your local organizations to send a contribution or bring it to the meeting on December 1st with their representative.

Fraternally yours

Matthew Cvetic, Executive Secretary.

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November 14th., 1946

Dear Member:

"WHAT I SAW IN THE SLAVIC COUNTRIES" a new pamphlet by our National President, Leo Krzycki is now ready for distribution.

This attractive, informative 16 page illustrated booklet is a human account of Brother Krzycki's travels in the Slavic countries.

Together with interesting impressions of prominent leaders, gathered from personal observations, the pamphlet records significant fundamental trends in the path of peace and democracy, along which the slavic people are marching today.

For the factual information contained in this booklet alone, it should be in the hands of every Slavic American. You will be helping to bring about a better understanding of the fight for a democratic peace by distributing this booklet among the members of your organizations and your friends.

The price of this pamphlet is .10¢ per copy or .07 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per copy on orders for ten (10) or more booklets. Order your supply now from the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, 1005 Berger Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. and they will be sent by return mail.

Fraternally yours,

Matthew Gvetic, Executive Secretary
for Western Pennsylvania

P.S. There is also still available a number of "Slavic Americans" a booklet

by [redacted] These are priced at .25¢ per copy.

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COMMUNIST PARTY - LAWRENCEVILLE COMMUNIST CLUB - REGULAR MEETING.

FRIDAY EVENING NOV. 15th at 8:00 P.M.

The following participated:

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meeting held at 4745
Patterson St, Lawrenceville
the home of [redacted]*

[redacted]

Matt Cvetic,

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[redacted] ~~xxxx~~ registered those present and [redacted] for 1947

She explained for security reason the new registration will be by number. The secretary of each club will keep a list of the names of the party members and the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ registration cards which will just bear a number which will correspond with the name on the list kept by the Secretary will be filed together. According to [redacted] they will be kept at a place other than the district office. Party Membership cards will be issued as heretofore.

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A raffle is being conducted by the club - [redacted] if Alice is in charge of this. They are changing off a ~~xxxxx~~ spread. One third of the proceeds will go to the Lawrenceville Communist Club; one third to the Croatian Ladies Social Club and one third to ~~xxx~~ a group which is raising money for a Dalmatian Progressive newspaper "Sloboda" or something like that. 500 books have been printed of which 130 have been distributed so far.

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Other things discussed were the Daily Worker, the national committee report and the functioning of the club.

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COPY OF ORIGINAL STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE
REGARDING Pittsburgh će slaviti godišnjicu proglašenja
CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERATED PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF
Federativne Narodne Republike Jugoslavije
PROSLAVLJATI * [redacted] b6
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Na 29. novembra naš narod u staroj domovini svečano će proslaviti
On November 29th people in the old country will celebrate the
prvu godišnjicu proglašenja svoje Federativne Narodne Republike Jugosla-
First anniversary of their new Federated Peoples Republic of
vije. Ujedinjeni Odbor Južno-Slavenskih Amerikanaca u Pittsburghu je za-
Yugoslavia. The United Committee of South Slavic Americans in P. B. has
ključio da pozove američke Hrvate, Srbe i Slovence, da zajednički prosla-
noted that the Croatian Serbians, Slovenes be called to a meeting for
ve ovaj veliki dan u povijesti naših naroda. Proslava, koja će se održati
the purpose of celebrating this day. This celebration will be held
u nedjelju 1. decembra 1946., biti će uveličana prisustvom jugoslavenske
on Sunday Dec. 1, 1946. Attendance at this meeting will be Yugoslav, delegations
delegacije sa zasjedanja Skupštine Ujedinjenih Nacija u New Yorku i odli-
to the UN who are now in New York and outstanding American leaders.
čnih američkih ličnosti. Pozvana je Duquesne Tamburitza Orchestra da iz-
The Duquesne Tamburitza Orchestra has been
vedene koliko točaka na programu, a isto tako i [redacted] b6
invited to participate and the program as [redacted] b7C

Ova proslava prve godišnjice proglašenja Federativne Narodne Repu-
This celebration of the First Anniversary of the Federated Peoples
blike Jugoslavije biti će ujedno i naša zajednička manifestacija za pra-
Republic of Yugoslavia will be our manifestation for the
vedan i trajan mir na svijetu.

of people and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ world peace.

Za pripremiti uspješnu proslavu proglašenja Republike našeg naroda

To arrange a successful celebration of the new republic of our people
potrebne su svestrane pripreme u Pittsburghu i svim bližim mjestima. Za-

it is necessary that from all parts of P. B. and surrounding people partici-
to Ujedinjeni Odbor sazivlje masovnu konferenciju u petak 15. novembra
ated. For this purpose the United Committee is calling a mass conference
točno u 7:30 na večer u Slovenskom Domu na 57 i Butler St., Pittsburgh.

on Friday Nov. 15th at 7:30 P.M. at the Slovenian Hall on 57th St. P. B.
Ujedinjeni Odbor pozivlje sve zainteresirane Srbe, Slovence i Hrvate, mu-

The United committee is calling all interested Serbs, Slovenes and Croatia-
škarce i žene iz Pittsburgha i okolnih mjesta, da nefaljeno dodju na

men and women in P. B. and surrounding towns to come to this important
ovu važnu konferenciju, gdje ćemo se pripremiti za svestranu mobilizaciju

conference, where we will arrange a mobilization from all around
da nam ova proslava uspije onako sjajno kako je uspjela proslava narodnog

that this celebration has the kind in people with the decision and be-
ustanka u Jugoslaviji koju smo održali prošlog proljeća.

as good as the one we held in Spring of this year (at Island motto)

Sve potankosti o proslavi će biti naknadno javljene u našim novinama

All announcements regarding the celebration will be carried in the
Dodjite svi na konferenciju u petak 15 novembra u Slovencki Dom na

our newspapers. Come all to the Conference on Friday November 15th at
57 i Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

the Slovenian Hall 57th & Butler
St. Pittsburgh, Pa.

for the United Committee

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American Relief for Greek Democracy --

A [] is in Pittsburgh organizing a committee for the above organization.

From a conversation I overheard in the office next to ours at [] I learned that [] was sent to see Matt Cvetic who used to be the secretary for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief to ascertain how to approach and whom to approach in Pittsburgh. He was referred to Matt Cvetic by a [] who was formerly employed by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in New York. *RMS 11-8-46 Rgh*

I further heard [] tell Matt Cvetic that the hotel situation makes it very tough - when he came to Pittsburgh he said he stayed in a flpp house for a night and the next day he went down to the party office and spoke to Roy Hudson. [] said that Roy called Miriam Schultz and that Roy arranged for him [] to stay at [] place. So he is there at present. He expects to be in Pittsburgh for a week. Matt Cvetic offered him the facilities of his office and also gave him the name of such leaders as Dr. Hathaway, Judge McBride and others to contact. [] is hard of hearing -- uses a hearing aid which doesn't seem to help very much. *b6 b7C*

[] is contacting leading Greeks in the city -- he was surprised when he came to Pittsburgh to find out the Party has only three paid organizers. He said in Detroit they have seven. *b6 b7C*

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Re; American Relief for Greek Democracy,

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[redacted] who is here organizing for this committee reports that he has succeeded in contacting [redacted] who have helped him to get started. [redacted] supposedly got him some good volunteers ~~xxxxxx~~ from Carnegie Tech and University of Pittsburgh and he has also been successful in getting in touch with local Greek leaders, political and business

He is calling a meeting for Saturday afternoon of the new committee he organized.

Further he expects to ~~xxx~~ go to Cleveland from here where he will try to organize a similar volunteer committee.

Subject admits being a member of Communist Party -- report on this admission previously submitted.

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UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAV AMERICANS - PITTSBURGH COMMITTEE
RE: MEETING TO ORGANIZE CELEBRATION IN THIS AREA ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERATED PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

A meeting was held by the local United Committee in the Croatian
Fraternal Hall - Lodge No. 1 at 1546 East Ohio St. Thursday Evening,
Nov. 7th at 7:00 P.M. with the following participating.

[REDACTED]
*Stephen Loyen, Secy.

[REDACTED]
*Matt Cvetic, Slovene

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The purpose of the meeting was to work out plans for a celebration in this area on the First Anniversary of the Federated Peoples Republic of New Yugoslavia. In Yugoslavia Steve Loyen reported this day is celebrated on November 29th - On proposals by Matt Cvetic it was voted that we celebrate this day in Pittsburgh on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1st. Halls proposed were, Carnegie Music Hall, N.S., Islam Grotto, Aragon Ball Room and the Slovene Hall. [REDACTED] was asked to see what halls were available and to let Steve Loyen know. [REDACTED] and Matt Cvetic were asked to prepare newspaper releases and letters advising their people of the plans and asking them to come to a meeting at the Slovenian Hall on Friday Evening, November 15th at 8:00 P.M. at which the balance of the program will be worked out. Steve Loyen reported that ~~xx~~ Yugoslav Govt. representatives who are now at the United Nations Meeting will come here for the meeting. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] -- (Names in full and correct soon) [REDACTED] is a Serb, [REDACTED]
a Croatian and [REDACTED] a Slovene. Further it was proposed that Rev. *RMS*

[redacted] immediately contact Duquesne Tamburita Orchestra and Matt Cvetic was asked to contact [redacted] to sing the Star Spangled Banner^{b6}_{b7C}

Another meeting of this committee will be held in [redacted] office in the Bakewell Bldg next Wednesday evening.

Steve Loya suggested that the committee think about making Matt Cvetic the Executive Secretary of the United Committee in this area. No action was taken on this proposal.

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TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO STATE AND CITY COMMITTEES

Dear Friends:

We ask you and your committee to join in the mass petition campaign launched by the Civil Rights Congress to oust Bilbo from the 80th session of the U.S. Senate. This organization has sponsored the formation of the National Committee to Oust Bilbo, with Quentin Reynolds and Vincent Sheean as Co-Chairmen, and composed of many prominent Americans, including Albert Einstein, Paul Robeson, [redacted] and others.

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Bilbo's advocacy in the Senate of anti-Semitism, of hatred of foreign-born Americans, and of white supremacy, has earned him the contempt of decent Americans.

His 1946 primary campaign was the most vicious in Mississippi's history. At the risk of their lives, 50 Mississippi voters filed a petition with the Senate charging that Bilbo won re-election through fraud and intimidation. They laid a legal basis for unseating Bilbo.

The rest is up to you and the great mass of democratic America. The Senate has the power now to deny Bilbo the right to take oath of office. A real investigation and a public hearing in Washington, which are essential, will come only if there is a wide and insistent demand.

Support this campaign by filling as many petitions in your organizations and your community as possible. Return the petitions to the Civil Rights Congress, 205 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y. Use the enclosed order card for additional petitions.

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P.S. Please inform us of your action.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS * 205 E. 12nd St. * N.Y. 17, N.Y.

Please forward the following:-

Petition Forms
Oust Bilbo Folders
Oust Bilbo Posters
Oust Bilbo Buttons (\$3. per 100,
payable in advance)

Contribution of \$..... is enclosed.

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Give
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He is an avowed member of the Ku Klux Klan. From his forum in the Senate he openly fosters anti-Semitism and hatred of Negro and foreign-born Americans.

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Address and City

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Return to: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

(Issued by the national Civil Rights Congress in cooperation with the American Crusade to End Lynching.)

Honorary President
LOUIS ADAMIC

President
ZLATKO BALOKOVIC

The United Committee of South-Slavic Americans

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Dear Friend:

Attached you will find the text of a speech delivered by [redacted] of Yugoslavia [redacted] of the Yugoslav Delegation; at the 23rd meeting of the Political and Territorial Commission for Italy held in Paris on September 16th, 1946.

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We have mimeographed and dispatched copies to a number of our key people as we consider it a truly great piece of work that will undoubtedly prove both interesting and informative to the recipients.

Since it is impossible for us to make copies available to our entire mailing list, we request that you read the attached copy and pass it on to your friends for their perusal.

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Sincerely

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PURPOSES

1. To promote the dynamic unity of Americans of South-Slavic descent in order to strengthen the United States and the United Nations in their efforts toward world peace.
2. To encourage Americans of South-Slavic descent to participate fully in all processes to advance political, economic, social and ethnic democracy in the United States of America.
3. To foster in the United States of America an ever greater understanding of the South-Slavic peoples, their history, culture and traditions.

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Mr. Chairman, Fellow Delegates!

In taking the floor on behalf of the Yugoslav Delegation in the general discussion on the Statute of Trieste, I should like to point out; at the very outset, the fundamental and essential aspects of the question of Trieste.

No matter what decisions are taken regarding Trieste, and regardless of political constellations, there can be no question that the economic future of Trieste depends undisputably upon a right solution of the problem of the relationship between Trieste and Yugoslavia, i.e., between the city and its immediate and most important hinterland.

When speaking of Trieste and of its future, we should not start from the fiction that we are dealing with an island, situated somewhere in the Ocean between two continents, evolution of which is above all determined by some remote influences from overseas, and whose position is of no importance for other countries, i.e., for the countries of its hinterland. Such a fiction could lead the Peace Conference into errors, liable of having a fatal effect on its decisions on this question. If we committed such an error, the International Statute could place Trieste into a position, which would conflict with the rights and interests of the countries of its hinterland, countries upon which Trieste depends from the economic point of view. Trieste must not come into such a conflict, because it would mean its economic ruin. It is quite obvious that no one is going to support something, which is contrary to one's rights and interests. In other words, no one has the right to ask Yugoslavia to undertake obligations and burdens for a Trieste, which would be a source of danger for her or would harm her interests. The veins that bring blood to the economic life of Trieste go through Yugoslavia. At the same time, Trieste represents for the economic life of Yugoslavia and other countries their main outlet to the Adriatic Sea. But this is far from being all. Trieste is linked with its hinterland not merely as a port, but also as an economic, cultural and political centre. In settling the question of Trieste, we are deciding not only the fate of Trieste, but also about the economic and cultural - political interests of its hinterland. Therefore, the interests of Trieste and of its hinterland constitute a whole. He, who breaks up this unit, inflicts great damage upon the hinterland, and reduces Trieste to gradual decay. Nevertheless, life is stronger than bad statutes, and I am convinced that nothing will prove to be stable and lasting, which destroys such a natural unit. We have to ask the question, why, for what reasons, is it necessary to break up such a unit, why is it necessary to put chains on unavoidable processes, why is it necessary to create a centre of conflicts?

I shall not quote here, once again, and explain the ethnical, historical, economic, and political facts, which substantiate the unquestionable right of Yugoslavia and of her peoples to the inclusion of Trieste into the Yugoslav community.

The peoples of Yugoslavia were fully aware of their right throughout their struggle for liberation and unification, and they considered the achievement of this right as a practical task of their National Liberation Struggle in the course of this War.

Nothing shocked the people of Yugoslavia more after this War, than the fact that some of our Allies, first, demanded that the Yugoslav Army withdraw from Trieste and the part of Julian March it had liberated, and then began denying their right to Yugoslav ethnical territory, within which the city of Trieste

itself is situated. The peoples of Yugoslavia did not, after all their sacrifices and all they contributed in this War, expect that they would meet with such an attitude on the part of some of our Allies.

Two reasons have been given why Trieste should not become part of Yugoslavia: first, because the Italian linguistic group constitutes a majority of Trieste's population, and, second, because Trieste is a port, not only of its immediate Yugoslav hinterland, but also of the more remote hinterland, which belongs to Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Ukraine etc., and because its traffic and economic institutions are, therefore, of importance for these countries.

The Yugoslav Delegation has never denied these facts. It is not denying the right of other countries to show their concern about these facts. Nevertheless, I seriously doubt that the concern expressed by the delegations of those Great Powers, which have been opposed to the union of Trieste with Yugoslavia from the very outset, was sincere. The Statutes proposed by these delegations do not give any proof of their concern either for the Italian majority, the Slovene minority in Trieste, or for the economic interests of the countries of the hinterland. We shall return to this later. This concern becomes even more problematical in the light of the following historical fact.

When, in September of last year, Yugoslavia submitted her claims to the Council of Foreign Ministers in London, she did not overlook the fact that there was an Italian majority in the city of Trieste, nor did she forget the interests of the other countries forming Trieste's hinterland. True to the national principle, and respectful of the national sentiments of the majority of the Trieste population, she recognized Trieste the same rights as to any other of her peoples and historical provinces, and proposed that Trieste be given the status of an autonomous unit within the framework of the Yugoslav federation. She further suggested that the port of Trieste be given the Statute of a Free Port, a Statute which would satisfy the needs of all the countries of the hinterland, as well as those of international trade.

Yugoslavia went even further. She announced, in May 1946, that she was prepared to assume definite international obligations, as a safeguard for such a settlement, and grant Trieste, as a federal unit, special constitutional privileges as well.

Gentlemen, I consider that these obligations, undertaken by Yugoslavia of her own free will, should be sufficient to dissipate the fears of some countries concerning the rights of the inhabitants of Trieste and of the states of its hinterland. I think that nobody, who has the slightest notion of the problem of Trieste, can fail to see the necessity of linking Trieste to its hinterland. But, all that was in vain, and these countries are still showing their concern. A firm attitude has been taken: Yugoslavia must not get Trieste under any circumstances.

It is, therefore, not a question of the defense of Trieste and its inhabitants but something quite different. I am under the impression that the reason for all this is not the care about Trieste or the defense of the so-called rights of Italy, but a foregone conclusion to deprive both Yugoslavia and the hinterland of Trieste of an unhindered outlet to the Adriatic Sea and the use of such a large port as Trieste.

Somebody may say that I am inventing things, because nobody used such arguments, either in Council of Foreign Ministers or at this Conference. It corresponds to the truth, however, an unpleasant truth, which only proves, that the members of this Conference often speak much more about things they have not in mind, than about things they have in mind. But these thoughts often find expression in newspapers.

"Le Monde" of September 18, 1945, wrote in its leading article "The fight for the Mediterranean" the following:

"The negotiations on Italy, which have begun, are taking more and more the form of bargaining among two or three great powers. The countries immediately concerned (Greece, Albania, Yugoslavia, Austria) are playing merely a secondary role. The question is to know, by what concessions will the Soviet Union gain a position in the Mediterranean, which its partners wish to limit to the utmost."

"Le Monde" wrote this at the beginning of the discussion on Trieste. "The Times" wrote on May 23, 1946, the following:

"In short, many Italians believe that much more important issues are involved in the present conflict concerning the Julian March. In the steady Soviet support of the Yugoslav pretensions, they see the determination of Moscow to secure by all means a new and strong outpost in the heart of Western Europe. Those who hold these views consider that the Eastern Alps are the only logical bulwark against a new Slav infiltration."

(Quoted from the French translation of the article, which appeared in number 587 of "Articles et documents")

Walter Lippman wrote on his part on July 14, 1946:

"To appraise what Mr. Byrnes has achieved in the Italian agreement we must remember the situation as it was last spring when the long, tedious negotiation began. Then the question was not the Italo-Yugoslav boundary and Trieste. It was much greater question of the control of the Mediterranean: of a Soviet challenge to British supremacy."

Mr. Lippman then goes on to praise the success Mr. Byrnes has achieved, and, whereby, Mr. Lippman feels that British supremacy in the Mediterranean has been saved.

Let us now take a passage from an article Lord Vansittart wrote in the "Daily Mail" on August 27, 1946:

"The Kremlin wants Trieste through Yugoslavia, says Lord Vansittart. A compromise was reached with the Kremlin which was overfavorable to Yugoslavia since it left 200,000 Italians under her rule and no proper hinterland to the port. Yet Tito said he would not accept it and now the Kremlin puts forward another scheme, which would practically incorporate Trieste in Yugoslavia."

This is what newspapers and writers, whose opinions undoubtedly reflect the views of very influential circles in the United States and Great Britain, have to say regarding the problem of Trieste. The silence of those who oppose the union of Trieste and the Julian March with Yugoslavia, a silence which accompanies all the arguments, however convincing they may be, of the Yugoslav Delegation, could unquestionably be taken as evidence that the views of the authors, we have just quoted, are obviously neither their private opinion, nor are they alone to hold them. And this means that we were right in asserting that the attitude of the Great powers is prompted neither by concern for the population of Trieste, nor for the countries of the hinterland of Trieste, nor for the interests of Italy, but by some other interests. Walter Lippmann says that this concern is connected with British supremacy in the Mediterranean, which means that it, actually, boils down to a desire on the part of Great Britain and United States to see heavy "iron curtain" drawn around the Mediterranean Sea. Whether or not the representatives of these states will deny such opinions put forward by their prominent publicists, I do not know, but they are certainly people who will believe that the latter express an official point of view. Allow me, therefore, to say a few words regarding this matter also.

I shall not go into a discussion of the ethnical, economic, moral and sentimental arguments which are to substantiate the claims of one state or another to hegemony, or "supremacy", in the Mediterranean. Yugoslavia, being a people's and a democratic country, is, it is true, opposed in the principle to any such privileges. Everybody knows this, including the authors of the articles quoted. It is, therefore, very strange, that a large part of the press wishes to prove at all cost, that somebody's "supremacy" is threatened just by Yugoslavia, or, that the Soviet Union wishes to endanger this supremacy through Yugoslav Trieste.

It is true that the Soviet Union has given its active and firm backing to the Yugoslav claims to Trieste. There is not a single Yugoslav who could ever forget, who would not feel deeply thankful, that the Soviet Union has given its support to a claim, which has been the claim of the Yugoslav peoples from the very beginning of the struggle of the Slovene people for their liberation, and of all the Yugoslav peoples for their union. By helping a small people to achieve their final unity under one roof, the Soviet Union has shown that its policy rested on high principles. The Soviet Union has given its support to our claims without asking anything in return or laying down any conditions. It is obvious that those who are used to the old style in international relations, to the commercial style in international politics, to what Goethe called - the "political song is an ugly poem", for all those, the sincere and unselfish help proffered by the Soviet Union to the small peoples in general, and in this particular case the help given to Yugoslavia, is forthwith suspicious in the sense

that it endangers the position and privileges of another great power. The time has come, however, when small nations shall not any more divide into "spheres of interests", shall not be the objects of exploitation, somebody's bases or voting-machines at international conferences. The time has come to understand, that the small nations really wish to be free and independent. The time has come when the rights and interests of small nations shall not be considered from the point of view of one empire or another, from the point of view of whose "supremacy" is menaced by the right of a small nation. The time has come when the rights of small nations should be judged objectively, i.e., from the point of view of the small nation concerned. The relations between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union are based on these genuinely democratic principles. Therefore, the support given by the Soviet Union to Yugoslavia in the question of Trieste and the Julian March is nothing but an unselfish support given out of reasons of principle to the just cause of genuinely independent country. The peoples of Yugoslavia have often been in the past tools in the hands of foreign powers. Today they are not the tools of anybody. New Yugoslavia is pursuing such a policy, which is in the interests of the peoples of Yugoslavia, of the strengthening of democracy in the world, of peace and cooperation among the nations. If Yugoslavia is claiming Trieste today, she is not doing so in order to hand it over to the Soviet Union, or that she or the Soviet Union wish to menace the supremacy of any power in the Mediterranean. She is doing it, because she is in the right and because it is also the old historic aspiration of the Slovene people, as well as the aspiration of all the peoples of Yugoslavia. These are the reasons for which the Soviet Union supports the Yugoslav claim.

Some people, however, are not able to grasp the fundamental changes which are taking place in international relations. It is true, that, those who stick to the old style in international politics, have difficulties in grasping it. Therefore, whenever a people become genuinely free and independent, they get scared and think that somebody's supremacy is threatened. History, however, is marching forward. The frank, free and bold voice of a small nation is perhaps seldom heard at international conferences at present, but the number of these voices shall unavoidably increase.

Such is the attitude of Yugoslavia towards the Soviet Union, and we should feel happy, if the relations of other countries towards Yugoslavia and her rights and interests were placed on the same basis of sincerity, unselfishness and justice. Therefore, it is clear, that Yugoslav Trieste does not endanger anybody's supremacy in the Mediterranean, unless someone considers that the genuine freedom and independence of small nations in principle represent a threat to various supremacies.

In connection with this I should like to emphasize another fact. The struggle of the peoples of Yugoslavia for the incorporation of Trieste into their national community, started at the time when they began their struggle for their freedom and independence. I have before me the "Primorac" newspaper, which was printed in Trieste in the Slovene language in the seventies of the last century. In its issue of February 5, 1871, newspaper printed a leading article entitled: "Yugoslavia and the German intentions against her." The article attacks the German hegemony over the South Slav peoples and asks for the union of all these peoples together with Trieste in a South Slav State. We all know that in 1871, there was no Soviet Union, nor the present Yugoslavia, nor any other Yugoslavia, but there was a wide-spread national movement of the Yugoslavs of Austria for their liberation and union, and one of the most important centers of this movement was Trieste. In the early 19th century, in the years before the World War, Trieste was the scene of constant and big demonstrations in favor of the creation of a Yugoslav State which would include Trieste. And at that time there was neither the Soviet Union, nor present day Yugoslavia, nor any other Yugoslavia for that matter. In 1917, while the war was still on, Trieste once again became the scene of bitter political struggles and of demonstrations for the creation of Yugoslavia of which Trieste would be a part. At that time, too, there was no Soviet Union, or Yugoslavia. In 1919 and 1920, at the time when peace was being negotiated, the Yugoslav Government, then in office, fought for the incorporation of the Julian March, including Trieste, in the newly established Yugoslav State. We all know, however, that all the Yugoslav Governments of that period were hostile to young Soviet Russia, and that the last thing that could be said of them would be that they were giving the Soviet Union, by putting forward their claim to Trieste, the possibility of endangering somebody's supremacy in the Mediterranean. And now, after the Second World War, the Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, in vindicating the claim to the incorporation of Trieste in Yugoslavia, are merely taking up the traditional aim of the National Liberation Struggle of South Slav peoples, an aim which is as old as their desire for freedom and independence.

What have all these facts to do, then, with anybody's supremacy in the Mediterranean, provided one starts from an objective standpoint, from the standpoint of a small nation?

Despite all these facts, however, Yugoslavia wished to do all that was in her power in order to achieve agreement and to dispel the various doubts of those who favor an "iron curtain" around the Mediterranean. That is why Yugoslavia agreed, towards the middle of this year, even to the internationalization of Trieste under certain definite conditions. She did not, it is true, consider such a solution to be just, or in conformity with the interests of Trieste and Yugoslavia, but she believed it was one upon which all could agree. The essence of our proposal, about which I shall speak later in a somewhat more detailed manner, consists in the following: the grant of full self-government to the population of Trieste, the ensuring of the economic prosperity of Trieste in close cooperation with Yugoslavia; and the opportunity for all the countries concerned to utilize the port of Trieste freely and unconditionally.

Even this proposal of ours is meeting, however, a resistance on the part of the same states. All of them fear that Yugoslavia will conquer Trieste by one means or another. Such a fear on the part of these countries is interesting, and so are the provisions they make in their statutes in order to defend Trieste against the so-called "Yugoslav danger". These statutes provide for a Governor, who is to have dictatorial powers, the control of the police and all the powers necessary for the carrying out of a determined policy. The statutes even foresee the possibility of the bringing in of foreign troops. It is not my intention to speak about those people, who are already today buying in Trieste and around it the shares of factories, banks and shipyards, or of those who are scheming how to use the so-called Free Territory of Trieste for economic interference in other countries, or those who are building up centers for the provoking of disorders in Central and Eastern Europe. All this was undertaken in order to ward off Trieste the so-called Yugoslav danger. The representatives of certain Allied countries are already behaving in Trieste as if they had some historical rights, or the sole right, to govern Trieste. The Yugoslav peoples, on the contrary, on whose territory Trieste is situated, must not be given the possibility of approaching Trieste.

When we consider the matter from this angle, we see how absurd, groundless and tendentious is all this talk about the necessity of defense against the Soviet-Yugoslav danger. Moreover, all this talk could create doubts in the mind of the man in the street, that the real aim of all this is to conceal a desire for new expansion in the Mediterranean area, a tendency of creating new basis, new points for interfering in the affairs of other countries, and all this on the part of countries, which pretend to be threatened by the Soviet-Yugoslav menace in the Mediterranean. The correctness of our hypothesis is proved by the influential press, which is reporting our talks at this Conference, and which very often says what has not been said at the Conference. This is what the same Mr. Lippmann wrote in the "New York Herald Tribune" of September 13, 1946:

"...Since Italy is to be made impotent, it is against Yugoslavia which remains armed that the settlement would have to be guaranteed." "...It is a question, therefore, whether it would not be better to postpone the settlement of the Italian Frontiers as we have postponed the settlement of the Italian colonial empire. Postponement would mean that we continued to have the right to stand guard with the British on the disputed frontier: to agree to this treaty means that we must evacuate our forces. But unless the compromise which we have agreed to is accepted with some sincerity by Tito and guaranteed expressly by the Soviet Union, there is no point in evacuating the British and American forces." "Once again we must remind ourselves that peace be had now only by policy of calculated risk. We are living in an area when the rule of reason is impossible until there is again an equilibrium of force".

Thus, in order to create an "equilibrium of force", it is essential to constitute another military, economic and political base of the Great Western Powers in the Adriatic, to prevent a small people to be completely free, and to deprive the Slovene and Croatian peoples of one part of their national territory.

Yugoslavia cannot subscribe to such a policy. She would not agree with such a policy even if her own territory were not in question, because she considers that this policy is directed against small nations, and that it menaces the freedom and independence of peoples. She has even less reason to agree with this policy, as her own territory is in question. Nevertheless, Yugoslavia hopes that the views of Mr. Lippmann are those of the leading Statesmen of Great Britain and of the United States of America.

The fundamental aspect of Yugoslavia's attitude regarding the question of Trieste, was, and still is, her anxiety to maintain the unity between Trieste and its immediate hinterland, i.e., to maintain that, which is the product of nature and of history, and which constitutes an inevitable and rational reality. Yugoslavia has gone to the limit in the way of yielding, as regards her right to Trieste.

If the legal form is to be an expression of realities, and not gettters imposed upon them, this unity between Trieste and its hinterland must be safeguarded in the Statute of internationalized Trieste. Yugoslavia considers that such a legal form, which would be in conformity with actual conditions, can only be a real union between the Free City of Trieste and Yugoslavia. -- In addition to this, it is, of course, essential, and has been laid down by the decision of the Council of Ministers, that Trieste should be organized on democratic lines, i.e., that power in the Free City of Trieste should really rest with the people. -- On the basis of the three above principles -- internationalization, real union, and democratic rights -- the Yugoslav Delegation has proposed a Draft Statute, the main points of which are the following:

1. Sovereignty in the territory of the Free City of Trieste shall rest with the people. The latter shall exercise their power through a Popular Assembly, elected by universal, equal and direct suffrage, and by secret ballot. Legislative authority shall be exercised by the people's representatives, subject to the sole restriction that the Constitution and the laws of the Free City of Trieste shall remain within the limits set by the Statute. There shall be no other restrictions.
2. Executive authority shall be exercised by the Council of Government of the Free Territory of Trieste. The Council of Government shall be appointed and relieved of its functions by the Assembly. The Government shall be responsible to this Assembly. All officials and all armed forces for the maintenance of public order shall be placed under the Government. Local self-government, also elected by democratic suffrage, shall, however, conduct the affairs of self-governing, local, territorial units.
3. The Constitution shall guarantee to all citizens, irrespective of sex, national sentiments, language, race and religion, the fundamental human rights and rights of citizenship.
4. Judiciary shall be organized on the principle of the full freedom and independence of the judges. The details of the organization shall be provided for by the Constitution.
5. Citizenship of the Free City of Trieste shall be granted to persons who were inhabitants of Trieste, on October 28, 1918 (date of the collapse of Austria-Hungary), as well as to all permanent inhabitants of Trieste at the time of the 1936 census, who continued living within the territory of Trieste. Citizenship shall, however, not be granted only to those Italian immigrants who are considered war criminals, or were prominent Fascist leaders or Fascist public servants, or concessionaries. No former Italian national shall have the citizenship of Trieste imposed upon him. All of them shall be ensured the right of option for Italy, while persons, who were compelled to emigrate from Trieste because of the Fascist regime, shall be granted the right to reintegration.
6. Trieste, as a port for international traffic, shall be an internationalized free port, and Yugoslavia shall be given the right to establish the free zone therein. The parts of the port, which do not serve the needs of international traffic, shall remain under the administration of the Free City.
7. The real union between Trieste and Yugoslavia shall be reflected in a monetary agreement, in a custom's union, in a joint railway system, in a joint postal, telegraphic and telephone service, in freedom of work and employment on a reciprocal basis, in unrestricted frontier traffic of persons and goods, in the obligation on the part of Yugoslavia to protect the interests of Trieste abroad.
8. All goods shipped through the Free Port of Trieste shall have free transit and shall be exempt of duty on the territory of the Yugoslav-Trieste Customs Union.
9. The Free City of Trieste shall have complete independence assured by the Security Council and shall be in real union with Yugoslavia. The territory of the Free City shall be neutral and demilitarized.

10. The observance of the International Statute of the Free City shall be under the supervision of the Security Council.

11. In questions which concern Yugoslavia in connection with the real union, the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia shall be represented by the Governor of the Free City.

12. Neither the High Commissioner of the Security Council nor the Governor of the Free City shall have the right to restrict in any way the right of the people of Trieste to self-government.

13. Provisions regarding the Provisional Government shall be contained in a special Annex to this Statute. These provisions shall stipulate the following:

a/ The present Military Government shall cease within a period of one month from the coming into force of the Peace Treaty;

b/ An Interallied Commission, composed of the representatives of the USA, of the USSR, of the UK, and France, shall be established. This Commission shall exercise the powers of the High Commissioner, pending elections for the Constituent Assembly or the appointment of the Council of Government, which shall be responsible to the Assembly;

c/ The Interallied Commission shall, after due consultation with all groups of democratic opinion, appoint a Provisional Council of Government, composed of representatives of the Italians and the Yugoslavs, and a Provisional Consultative Assembly, both of which shall exercise authority within the territory under the supervision of the Interallied Commission, and pending elections for the regular Constituent Assembly.

Such are the characteristic traits of the Statute, drafted by the Delegation of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia. This is, to put it briefly, a statute which would organize Trieste on democratic lines, and ensure the people the right to establish their City as they consider best.

We should, in the first place, take a decision concerning these principles, and then proceed to make a detailed study of the drafts.

The Delegation of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia firmly believes that the Statute, which it has drafted, is most in conformity with the interests of the people of Trieste and will ensure the continual and prosperous development of the City. It is only on the basis of close economic ties with Yugoslavia, and of a democratic system of Government, that Trieste can achieve a full measure of development and prosperity, that it can play its part in international trade, and fulfill its function, which is that of Yugoslavia's natural sea outlet. It is these essential requirements that the Yugoslav Government had in mind, when they suggested that the above principles be adopted.

The drafts of the four Great Powers should have been based on the four general principles to which the Council of Foreign Ministers agreed on July 3, 1946, and which were to serve as a general framework for the Permanent Statute of the Free Territory of Trieste.

The Draft Statute proposed by the Soviet Delegation is in complete agreement with Yugoslav draft in the question of the Constitutional organization of Trieste on a democratic basis. It ensures a full measure of independence to the legislative and executive authority in Trieste, and reduces the role of the representative of the Security Council to what it should be, to that of a custodian of the observance of the Statute. The Soviet Draft also considers that economic cooperation between Trieste and Yugoslavia is both natural and necessary, but it does not give this cooperation the form of a real union.

It is only natural that the Soviet Draft should do so, because it is anxious to observe, both in form and in substance, the decisions of the Council of Foreign Ministers on Trieste and its Statute, decisions which as we all know, were the result of a compromise. Despite this, essential difference between the Yugoslav and the Soviet Draft, the Yugoslav Delegation knows that both drafts are in agreement as regards two main objectives: the grant of a maximum of democratic rights to the population of Trieste and the necessity of ensuring, by means of greater or less formal and actual guarantees, that Trieste, as a port and economic centre, should be in a position to serve the requirements of the countries forming its hinterland.

The basis of the other drafts, however, is quite different.

Although they differ among themselves on a number of points, and although our criticism does not apply in an equal measure to all three, the British, American and French proposals have this in common, that they give so little place to the principle of self-government in the Free Territory of Trieste, that it is difficult to see how a territory, so organized, can deserve to be considered free. It is precisely from freedom, democracy and self-government, that all three proposals free Trieste.

It is by no means the result of a coincidence, that the Memorandum which precedes the Soviet Draft quoted the principles, adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers, while the Memoranda of the other three powers, either fail to make any reference to these principles, or else mention other "principles" as being more important, principles which are in contradiction with point 3 of the decision of the Council of Foreign Ministers of July 3, 1946, to the effect that legislative and executive authority in Trieste shall be established on democratic principles.

In the Memorandum of the British Delegation the principle of the establishment of the legislative and executive authority on a democratic basis is treated as one of secondary importance. It is actually dropped by the Memorandum when it says, that the British Delegation was guided by the two following considerations in drafting this Statute:

a/ "The ensuring of peace and stability within the Free Territory, and

b/ The grant of the greatest measure of democratic self-government consistent with ensuring peace and stability".

We see, thus that each sentence here contains a restriction of democracy. Instead of freedom - we have stability, instead of democratic rights - we have "greatest measure" of democracy, instead of self-government - we have "greatest measure of democracy", but simply of democracy. It is, therefore, obvious that we have here a departure from the principles laid down by the decision of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

It is not, however, the formal departure from the decision of the Council of Foreign Ministers, which is most important here. What we have here is a departure from democracy, the complete jettisoning of democracy. Democracy cannot be measured by yards, and somebody given a minimum, somebody nearly a maximum, and somebody else a 100% democracy. Democracy means that power shall rest with the people.

We are told: What do you want? The Statutes provide for absolutely free elections, with an unrestricted number of candidates and no limit to election propaganda. This is said by people who think that the first and the last word of democracy are to be found in the formal elections and election campaigns. We are of the contrary opinion. Free elections are not an end in itself, they are a means whereby the people shape their Government. The decision which this Conference should take is, therefore, whether or not it desires to see a democratic system of Government established in Trieste, a system of Government wherein power shall be vested in the population of Trieste itself, or whether it wishes to see the population of Trieste kept aloof from the exercise of authority, and placed under the dictatorship of a foreign administration? It is herein, and herein only, that the question lies, and all the rest is but an endeavor to obscure and conceal the fundamental questions.

Mr. Molotov has dealt here in detail with the incompatibility of the British, as well as American and French drafts, and the principles of democracy and explained that according to these drafts all the authority is vested in the Governor, and not in the people. As I am in full agreement with his speech, I have no reason to speak of this question in detail. It is a fact that the Council of Government is not Government, but only Advisory Council of the Governor. It is a fact that the Council of Government cannot take any decision, which has not been approved by the Governor. I should like to lay special emphasis on the control that the British draft gives to the Governor over legislation.

1. He may issue decrees with force of law and proclaim a state of siege whenever he finds that the integrity, neutrality, public order or security, or human rights, are imperilled. The Governor is, in actual fact, a ruler, with all the powers which usurping absolutistic governments arrogate after a coup d'etat, with the sole difference - one, moreover, which operates to his benefit -

that he is legally empowered to carry out such a coup d'etat whenever he thinks fit, subject to the obligation to inform the Security Council post factum within a period of one month.

2. The Government exercises a virtually unrestricted control over the legislative authority. He may return to the Assembly every draft law--not merely those which he considers that are not in conformity with the Statute--for a new decision. He can, besides, stop a law, voted by the Assembly, by not promulgating it, and the Assembly may only by a two-thirds majority petition the Security Council against such an action on the part of the Governor.

This means that we have a Council, i.e., the Council of Government, which possesses no authority, while the other Council, i.e., the Assembly of Trieste, is also without any authority. Neither of these two bodies can, however, conceal the anti-democratic character of such a Statute. Numerous other provisions could, of course, be quoted (in connection with the budgetary right, with judicial authority etc.), but I shall not do so at this stage. All those provisions give us a typical example of how democratic forms can be used in an undemocratic manner, something we are constantly coming across in the world today. Those who identify democracy with the democratic form of elections, will be overjoyed in this case. It will be possible to put up as many lists of candidates for election in Trieste as one desires, and anybody can vote for any of the candidates. The Assembly, however, which will be thus freely elected, will, according to this proposal, have no say, will be devoid of any authority, will even have to master a two-thirds majority in order to voice a complaint. And now just imagine: Here, at this Conference, where the fate of world peace is being decided, the majority of delegations was of the opinion that no two-thirds majority was needed in order to reach a decision. The Conference considered that a simple majority was sufficient to lay the foundations of peace among nations. How incomparably greater is the importance which these proposals attached to the Governor of Trieste than to world peace, when the Assembly must have a two-thirds majority in order to lodge a complaint against this Governor. We have here a drastic example of how democratic forms are emptied of democratic substance, a how only a democratic facade, behind which dictatorship lurks, remains. This is how "democracy" can be so shaped, according to practical requirements, that it can serve all kinds of foreign interests, and only not the people, upon which such a "democracy" is being imposed.

In fact, it is rather surprising, at first glance, that such a draft could be proposed by the representative of a nation, which is proud of its historical merit, that its country was the cradle of the parliamentary system. How remote is this from the first principle of parliamentary government, considered to be the basis of the British Constitution, a principle which is at the same time so famous and picturesque, that "the British Parliament can do everything, except turning a hen into a cock."

But the British theory of constitutional government knows two kinds of constitutional systems--one kind for the UK, and another for ruling over the other peoples.

The so-called colonial statutes served probably as an example for drafting of the Statute of Trieste.

In Jamaica, we have a Governor, just as we do in Trieste. In Jamaica we have an executive Council, consisting of 5 members, appointed by the Governor, and 5 nominated by the Assembly.

According to the British draft Trieste is also to have a Council of Government, in which half of the members are to be appointed and half to be nominated by the Assembly. Both councils have the same attribution and the same restrictions. In Jamaica we have, in addition to a Senate, an Assembly, the same as in Trieste, where we have an elected Assembly. But, both in Jamaica and in Trieste the representative bodies are, in substance, reduced to a consultative function.

We are often told that this system exists on account of the backwardness of such countries, in order to guide the local inhabitants on to the road of the progress of civilization and democracy. In Trieste, however, the British draft sets the clock back: it transforms a highly civilized area into a mandated territory; it robs a highly civilized people, who have shown their high democratic rights, of the right to govern their homeland. I consider, that the "right" to elect freely an assembly, which will have no rights of functions, is not a "democratic right" at all--but, on the contrary, it is a means for concealing its antidemocratic essence.

It would be unreasonable to suppose, that the people will ever reconcile themselves to be deprived of their rights. Trieste has its old democratic traditions. The democratic masses of Trieste had been waging, under old Austria, for decades an active struggle for their democratic rights. Trieste has always been one of the strongest centres of the democratic working class movement of both nationalities. The Slovene Workers Party was founded there long before World War I, and called itself the Yugoslav Social Democrat Party, although Yugoslavia did not exist. During the Italian Fascist regime, Anti-Fascists, who did not want to bow to Fascist tyranny and national oppression, were murdered there. How can anybody imagine that these people will accept the dictatorship of a foreign colonial Governor?

I shall not deal separately with the American and French drafts, because they express - one more, and the other to a less degree - the same tendencies and repeat the same formal provisions, which are to be found in the British draft. In both drafts we find the same unrestricted power of the Governor, the same control of the Governor over the legislative authority etc... There is no essential difference between these drafts and the British draft.

An interesting trait of the French Memorandum is that it provides even more openly for the organizing of the Free Territory on the lines of a police system for the maintenance of order. According to the statement "the guiding principle which has prompted the Council of Foreign Ministers to have a draft Permanent Statute prepared by the Conference derived from their anxiety to guarantee the maintenance of peace and the security of the population in this region." And, the statement makes an incidental reference to the decision, that the legislative and executive authorities should be organized on democratic lines, immediately hastening however, to restrict this by adding, that the Free Territory is merely a free territory and not a state and that the Government would therefore necessarily have to deal with essentially administrative problems."

In other words, the administration of the Free Territory of Trieste will not be in the hands of its inhabitants. The inhabitants of Trieste will be merely the civil servants and executive agents of an administration, which will not be under their control.

This statement thus explains, that Trieste will neither be a State, nor even a free territory, that it will be a police district, dependent upon a remote and alien authority. Such a "Free Territory of Trieste" will be perhaps in a worse, and more dependent, position than a territory under mandate. Neither the American nor French Memoranda state, why should Trieste get its freedom in the form of such an alien police regime, but we can read it in the British Memorandum. It says:

"The area comprised by the Free Territory since its liberation from the Germans in May 1945, has laid under serious tension owing to the conflicting nationalisms of the Italian and Slovene elements. The UK Delegation believes that these rivalries and bitterness accompanying them may take some years, to be fully eradicated."

A few days ago the representative of the UK spoke here in the same terms, laying special stress on the dangerous situation created by the "national antagonism" between Italians and Slovenes. Therefore, it is the fault of the unfortunate inhabitants of Trieste, that they are being deprived of their democratic rights. The purpose of the benevolent dictatorship of the Governor is "educational work" among the people in order to teach them what democracy and freedom are.

It is true that there is in Trieste a small Fascist, chauvinistic group, which is making provocations and spreading national hatred, who knows for whose benefit. The majority of the inhabitants of Trieste, however, do not wish to have anything to do with these agents provocateurs. There are such organizations in Trieste as, for instance, the Italo-Slav anti-Fascist Union, which is with no doubt the strongest political organization in Trieste, or the united Italo-Slav Trade Unions, in which the overwhelming majority of workers of Trieste is organized, and so on. No, national antagonism is not characteristic of the present situation in Trieste, but, on the contrary, the friendship between the Slav and Italian sections of the population. Consequently, "national antagonism" cannot be the reason for depriving the inhabitants of Trieste of their democratic rights.

We have to add here another possibility, which is not always expressed with equal clarity, but which is, nevertheless, foreseen in all the three drafts, viz. the possibility of bringing foreign troops into the territory of Trieste.

This would turn Trieste into a military base, which some people undoubtedly wish to happen. Who needs this? It is a well-known fact that Yugoslavia does not threaten anybody, consequently she does not threaten the independence of the Free City of Trieste either. Those who would like to transform Trieste into their base, do most of the talking about the threat of Yugoslavia to the independence and integrity of Trieste.

All the facts quoted, and we could cite many others; for instance, the question of citizenship etc., go to prove, that a certain anti-Yugoslav bias is to be found in all these three drafts. Judging from past experiences we have no doubt, that the Governor - as foreseen by those three drafts - would be under the influence of one of the States, which were opposed to the incorporation of Trieste into Yugoslavia. Consequently, Trieste would be the base of the State, which would exercise its influence on the Governor.

This is our opinion about the draft Statutes. I am convinced, however, that this is also the opinion of the wide democratic masses of the people, and especially the opinion of the inhabitants of Trieste itself. I think that it would not be a bad idea to submit the proposed drafts to the judgment of the people of Trieste. It would be very interesting to see the results, if the inhabitants of Trieste could decide which of the five statutes they considered best. I am convinced that such a plebiscite would reject the British, American and French drafts. Moreover, I am convinced that those statutes would be also rejected if plebiscites were to be held in Great Britain, in the USA and in France, or anywhere else where the people are fond of democratic liberties.

Regarding the Australian amendment, I can only associate myself to the remarks of Mr. Molotov. I could only ask the following question: what is the significance of the Australian proposal for Trieste itself? It places the fate of Trieste into the hands of a group of States, which would have a majority in such a Trieste Committee, as proposed by the Australian Delegation.

In such a case the Free Territory of Trieste would be frankly and unequivocally put on the same footing with the ordinary colonies under mandate, outside any effective control of the United Nations Organizations the aim of this Australian amendment, as well as that of many other Australian amendments, is to place a small nation under foreign domination. It has the merit of speaking openly, so that everybody can easily form an opinion about the real and objective value of similar proposals, and the fact that their advocates claim to be speaking on behalf of democracy.

British theorists tell us that the rule of Constitutional Government lays down, that Parliament is the centre of political life. It is not content only to vote the laws and budget; it exercises an active control of all the actions of the Government. American democracy is proud of the Declaration of Independence, the fundamental text of its constitution law. We read in it the following passage:

"...Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

France is drafting now her new Constitution. In the Preamble of this Constitution are written the principles of the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen, which were laid down by the French Revolution. The third principle of this Declaration says: "The principle of all sovereignty requires, that it should be vested in the people. No authority can be exercised by any Assembly or individual, if they have not been expressly authorized by the people."

How remote are the British, American and French Statutes of Trieste even from these democratic principles of the times gone by! The authors of these drafts probably did not even take into consideration these principles and did not think of the people of Trieste, who have the right to ask for a democratic regime.

In no case can we accept the theory that some fictitious "international interests" require, that the people of the territory of Trieste, or of any other territory, should be deprived of their democratic and human rights.

The Yugoslav Delegation expects that the "champions of democracy", whom we have been given an opportunity of listening to in San Francisco, in London, and here in Paris, will now come out in criticism of the undemocratic Draft Statutes of Trieste, and that in this criticism their democratic conceptions will find the fullest measure of expression.

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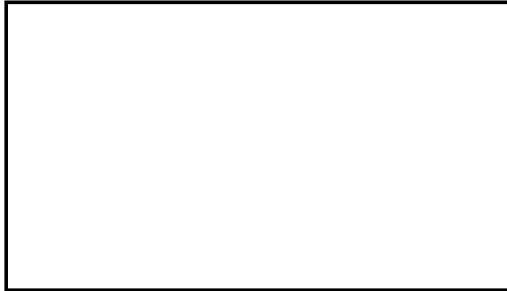
The United Committee of South-Slavic Americans
465 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.
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Meeting Slav Congress Committee,
Slovak Hall - Friday night 10/25

Attended by:



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-Amer. Citizens Club.

After discussion the following conclusions were reached.

On Organization:

- a - a meeting of delegates be called Dec. 1st.
- b - a W.P.A. conference be called last Sunday in Feb.
- 3 - that a Ford or Plymouth car be raffled off
4. - Plan a gala musical festival for sometime in May
5. - Ask to N.Y. office of the Congress to loan local office \$500.
6. Take over the office at 1005 Berger Bldg.
- 7 - Organize a series of meetings in Slav Communities and towns.
- 8 - Organize local Slav Congresses everywhere
- 9 - Matt Cvetic to take over Secretary job at \$250. mo.

On the Elections.

Endorsements voted for all Democratic Candidates except Fulton who is
a Republican Cand. for Congress. [redacted] and Matt to prepare
letters and releases on the endorsements.

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Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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Meeting of Language of the Communist Party - Office of IVO.

Meeting attended by:



Matt Cvetic



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First point on the agenda was the Slav Congress. Matt Cvetic gave a report on the congress and the plans for the coming year. He reported that he was instructed to call a meeting of the committee for tonight -- he said he had done so. He said the possible meeting of delegates Sunday he did not call as the Croats had planned a meeting in the Slovenian Hall previously on the same day. On the proposed Conference for Dec. 1st. he reported that he could not get the hotel on that date.

[redacted] elaborating on the ~~meeting~~ Sunday meeting reported that the Croats have a conference of Croatian Communists (National) on Sat. and Sun. in the Slovenian Hall; that the Croatian IVO has a meeting in the Slovenian Hall Sunday and that jointly a political rally will be had on Sunday afternoon. --

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The Commission agreed that Matt should be the full time secretary as of Nov. 1st. - ~~that~~ The commission further agreed after discussion that an automobile raffle would be a good way to raise funds for the congress and agreed to work out a program for the functioning of the Congress - It was further agreed that the Delegates Meeting would be called Dec. 1st. and that the Slav Conference be held sometime the latter part of February.

The Ben Davis meeting was discussed and all the Slav groups will organize for sale of tickets and also a collection among their various groups. This concluded the meeting.

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Meeting to discuss Election Strategy of the Communist Party --
Friday at 12:30 in office of Roy Hudson Bakerell Bldg.

Attended by Roy Hudson, [] and Matt Overie

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Matt gave reports on the work in the Slav Congress and Ben gave reports on the work amongst the negroes - Roy asked Matt and [] about the reaction to the Radio Broadcast last night [] spoke on the Radio for the CP) and Ben reported some good comment amongst the people on the Hill. Matt said he didn't hear the broadcast as he was busy at a Yugoslav Relief meeting.

Roy stressed the necessity for a successful meeting for [] and Matt was asked to contact [] to find out exactly when the meeting would take place.

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Roy Hudson also suggested that at next Tuesday's meeting the principal point on the agenda be the Davenport campaign. And that the two [] [] be called in for this meeting.

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This concluding the business of the meeting - it adjourned at 1:00PM.

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Communist Party --- Meeting of District Finance Committee

Monday Afternoon 2:15 P.M. 10/21/46

The District Finance Committee met to discuss plans for the fund-raising that is to be carried on in conjunction with the ~~Ben Davis~~ "Ben Davis" Meeting. The following attended the meeting which was held in the office of Roy Hudson in the Wakewell Bldg.

Roy Hudson,

[redacted]

Matt Cvetic.

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Plans to raise at lease \$1000.00 for the collection at the Ben Davis Meeting were discussed. Clubs were gone over and the three discussed the amount they thought could be raised from each club and also assigned responsibility for which member of the Dist. Committee would be responsible for contacting the clubs.

Sq. Hill	[redacted]	Matt	\$100 or more.
Hill	[redacted]		\$100 or more.
Northside	[redacted]		\$ 75 (if the language comrades contribute through their language groups then only \$50)
Southside	[redacted]		\$ 75
Lawrenceville		Matt	\$ 75
Professional		Ray	\$100
East Pgh	[redacted]		\$150 (and maybe \$200)
Farrel			\$75
Wash. Co.			\$100 (this is contingent on better financial conditions in the Co. where the party is having trouble raising enough money for their Radio Broadcast)

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Nationality or nups. Roy \$200 or more.

The following will be expected to raise \$10 or more, McKees Rocks, Youth, McKeesport, Johnstown, Penn Twn. New Kensington, Crucible, J & L, Food E.E. Havelwood and Erie. Some of these like Johnstown, New Kensington or

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Erie should be good for much more according to the discussion. [redacted] b6
came in during the meeting and agreed to try to raise \$50 in his club (N.S.) b7C

It was further discussed and decided that a letter will be sent to all clubs over Roy Hudson's signature making a special appeal for the contributions and that with this letter a 'List' (Collection) will be enclosed. Five or more of these Collection lists will be sent to all Clubs.

It was further decided that a \$10 club will be organized and efforts to have [redacted] b6
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[redacted] to sign such a letter will be made. This letter will be sent to a selected list of friends and sympathizers asking them for a \$10 contribution to show their appreciation for the work Ben Davis has done in the movement.

~~This~~ Further discussed was a possible dance or party on New Years Eve and on this Matt reported that he discussed with the hall committee of the Slovenian Hall on 57th St. the possibility of letting the "Labor Press Committee" have the Hall for a dance on New Years Eve. [redacted] and Roy b6
both wanted to know if we would be allowed to sell whiskey. Matt said that b7C
this is out as the hall has its own license and would permit same. They then thought perhaps something could be worked out to raise the price of whiskey .05 or .10¢ and have the hall give the Committee part of the profits. Matt said he would talk to them and see what could be arranged.

This concluded the business of the meeting which adjourned at 3:40PM.

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Meeting of the Lawrenceville Branch of the Communist Party

The regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Branch of the Communist Party was held at the IWO Croatian Fraternal Center #4745 Butler St. on Friday Evening Oct. 18th., 1946 with the following attending.



Matt Cvetic



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Discussed were:

Daily Worker Distribution

Elections

Ben Davis Meeting.

Before the meeting got under way [redacted] collected the dues from the members. [redacted] who is in charge of the Daily Worker Subs checked his list of subscribers (Expirations) with the members and Matt Cvetic sold some literature.

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On the daily worker distribution which was postponed one week to ~~Thursday~~ the club decided to get 200 special copies and sell some in front of the Slovenian Hall on 57th St. on Sunday Afternoon Oct. 27th when there will be a political rally in the Hall. [redacted] volunteered to sell the worker in front of the Hall. These special copies are being sold to the clubs for .02¢ a copy. The club will also help the Crucible Branch with distributions at the Show Gate of Crucible.

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On Contributions Matt Cvetic appealed for contributions for the

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Cvetic \$10.00 and

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[REDACTED] Others pledged to raise some money from their friends. These contributions Matt reported will be ~~xxx~~ given to the collection at the Ben Davis meeting.

Additional tickets were distributed for the Ben Davis meeting and the importance of mobilizing the friends and sympathizers in the Lawrenceville area was stressed by Matt Cvetic.

The importance of the coming elections was also stressed and the members were asked to do what they can to get out the vote for [REDACTED] and other democratic candidates.

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Meeting of the Daily Worker Committee together with the Org-Ed Committee
in the office of the Communist Party-Sat. P.M. 2:00 10/19/46

A meeting to discuss the Daily Worker Drive and miscellaneous business
Was called with the following participating.

Roy Hudson, District Chairman

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Matt Cvetic, Org.Ed Comm.

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[redacted] gave a report on the Daily Worker special edition which
will be out the coming Thursday October 24th. This edition which will
deal specifically with the ~~xxxx~~ election in Pennsylvania was originally
scheduled to be out last Thursday 10/17 but ~~was~~ for ~~unxxxxxxx~~ reasons
(not specified) was postponed for a week. From the discussion I learned
that there will be 10,000 copies of this paper distributed in this district
through the clubs which will be assessed .02¢ a copy for them. Concentra-
tion on the distribution will center in W. Sh.Co. where 2000 copies will
go, Crucible Steel Co. where 1000 copies go, The Hill District, J & L ~~and~~
Southside and Glen-Hazel.

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[redacted] will be in charge of Dist. at Crucible, [redacted]
[redacted] in Glen Hazel, Matt Cvetic in Southside, [redacted] in
E.Pgh. Bessie St. in the Hill Dist.

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The edition will deal specifically with the election and Pennsylvania
political problems.

A mimeographed sheet will be enclosed in each copy offering a special 4 week subscription for .25¢.

Discussed also was the special offer which is being made by the Worker for 6 month subs. The Worker is offering a 6 month subscription and a copy of ~~THE~~ Conspiracy against the Soviet Union for \$2.50. An effort will be made (decided after discussion) to sell some of these choice specials at the Ben Davis meeting.

Since July 1st. District has received 74 Subs. according to [redacted] [redacted] next report that [redacted] would be available for a speaking engagement in W.Pa. from Nov. 7 th 17th. [redacted] that ~~ix~~ in light of the election and the Ben Davis Meeting we should ask the National office to see if it can't be arranged to have him here the first part of December. ~~Thax~~ The committee voted against havin: him come here at this time.

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On the National Office School [redacted] reported that [redacted] from Washington County tentatively accepted to go - Question is if he can get away without jeopardizing his job. Other applicants [redacted] [redacted] cant go because of the UE election. Balance of ~~xxxxxx~~ applicants with two exceptions were rejected by the bureau. These will be ~~xxxxxx~~ contacted this week. No Names.

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[redacted] further reported that the District Secretaries met with Betty Gannet when she was here and that the report on the Chicago Conference which was to be made at the bureau meeting was not given.

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On finances Roy Hudson proposed that the Finance committee get together Monday afternoon and that an effort to mobilize the clubs for a good collection for Ben Davis meeting be made. [redacted] Reported that [redacted] [redacted] for the meeting. Matt Cvetic reported that in Lawrenceville they already have \$27 and pledges of \$15. and that he spoke to Sq. Hill and they will do something. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS*National Executive Office*

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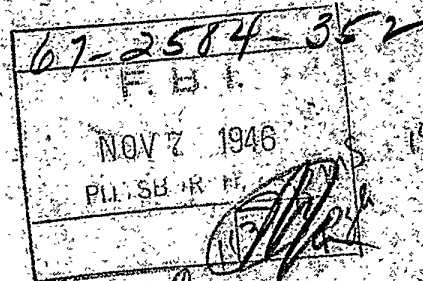
October 1, 1946.

Mr. Matt Cvetic
1005 Berger Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Matt,

Enclosed you will find the complete list of delegates to the Third American Slav Congress from Pittsburgh and vicinity. There may be some duplication in the list; due to the speed with which it was compiled it was not checked. I hope it will help you in preparing for a big meeting.

Sincerely,



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Department of English
Carnegie Tech
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.
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Mr. Mathew Cevetic
Yugoslav Relief
Berger Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Dear Mr. Cevetic:

Let me introduce myself, please. My name is [redacted]
instructor in English at Carnegie Tech. I am from the South,
[redacted] Before I came here, I was instructor at [redacted]
[redacted] where besides teaching I engaged in some political
activity. I did campaign work for [redacted]
who will run for Congress in the coming general election, and for
[redacted] in his unsuccessful race against [redacted]
[redacted] I am a member of [redacted]
[redacted] I shall belong to the Pitts-
burgh chapter soon, I hope.

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Now, to the point. National Citizens PAC, of which I am a
member, has asked me to try to form a Young Citizens PAC here in
Pittsburgh. This latter organization is a branch of NCPAC, and its
purpose is to organize progressive youth throughout the nation
for political action, with special emphasis on the coming November
elections. Already there are hundreds of YCPAC's organized and
functioning, for the purpose of getting people registered and getting
out the vote. I think the enclosed newspaper can tell you more clearly
the work of YCPAC.

The immediate job is to find a few dynamic, idealistic, liberal
young people, around whom an effective organization can be built. I
am new in Pittsburgh, and I so not know any young leaders. Can you
give me any names and addresses of young progressives?

Since I am a full-time instructor at Carnegie Tech, I can devote
only a portion of my time to this work; but I can act as liaison be-
tween a nucleus of young leaders and Young Citizens PAC, until they
can stand alone in their work.

Do you think you can help me? I shall call you Thursday afternoon
or Friday morning on the telephone. I would like to see you, but the
absence of public transportation makes a visit almost impossible.

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Sincerely yours [Signature]
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Secretary Henry Wallace Endorses Young Citizens PAC

NCPAC-ICC Telegram To Truman
Protests Slap To Wallace Aims

MR. PRESIDENT:

WE ARE CONVINCED WITH SECRETARY WALLACE THAT WAR WITH RUSSIA IS NOT 'INEVITABLE' AND DEPLORE WITH HIM THE 'GET TOUGH' POLICY OF BYRNES, CONALLY AND VANDENBERG; WE WERE SHOCKED THEREFORE TO LEARN THAT YOU HAD REPUDIATED THE VIEWS SECRETARY WALLACE VOICED ON FOREIGN POLICY AT OUR MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT AND MORE SO SINCE YOU HAD ENDORSED THEM PREVIOUSLY. MR. WALLACE'S PLEA FOR 'A LONG PERIOD OF PEACE AND MUTUAL TRUST AMONG THE BIG THREE' WAS A CONTINUATION OF THE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WHICH YOU PLEDGED TO FOLLOW AND WHICH WAS THE MANDATE OF THE PEOPLE IN 1944. DENUNCIATION OF SECRETARY WALLACE'S SPEECH BY MESSRS. CONALLY, VANDENBERG AND SPOKESMEN FOR BYRNES DEMONSTRATES

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Henry A. Wallace

Statement, Released Sept. 17th
And Printed Here In Full, Talks
Of YCPAC's Great Potentialities

"When we talk about the forces to be reckoned with in the coming elections, we always speak of that decisive factor, the 'independent' voter. Who are these 'independent' voters? They are veterans, students, young workers and farmers. The majority of these young citizens are progressive voters by nature. But, you can not vote for a progressive candidate or work for progressive legislation unless you have the facts and records before you. Most important, to be effective you must have channels of organization through which you can make your voice heard. Young Citizens PAC can provide such a channel.

Millions Need Political Leadership

"Four million young people have come of voting age since the '44 elections. Three million young people are students eligible to vote. Many millions of young veterans are faced with the peacetime responsibilities of citizenship for the first time. It is the objective of Young Citizens PAC to become a center of coordinated progressive political action for these millions of young people.

YCPAC Geared To Youth's Needs

"The program of Young Citizens PAC is geared to the needs and aspirations of young people. By working for the election of progressive candidates this November and by direct political action after the elections, the young voters can become the best politically educated and most active group of independent voters.

"There has never been in America a youth movement with a truly vital and adventurous approach to the potentialities of the coming age. Young Citizens PAC has the opportunity to take leadership in building such a movement now."

New York YCPAC Will Hold Political School

New York Young Citizens PAC will take an important forward step in preparation for active participation in the 1946 election campaign, when, on October 8th, it opens the door on its own School of Political Action Techniques. The all-day affair, to be held at the New School for Social Research, will feature as faculty members leading professional specialists in the field of practical political action, and authorities on political strategy and organization in New York.

500 Youth Leaders To Attend

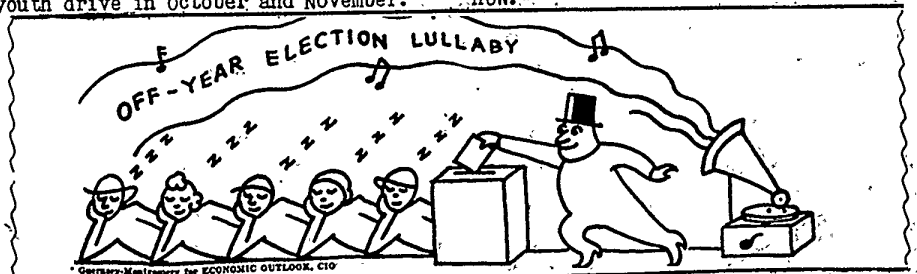
The purpose of the school is to get down to brass tacks on the New York campaign situation; to train 500 youth leaders in their specific roles and thus lay the foundation for active and effective youth participation in the coming elections. The school will work in the same general areas as the National PAC school held in Washington early in June, but will break down the topics into their local applications. For example, the national course "How to Analyze a Congressional District" will be translated in the New York School to "An Analysis of Our Critical Election Districts."

The school opens with a quartet of lectures, beginning with the broad national outlook and gradually reaching down to the specific problems at hand. C.B. Baldwin, executive vice-

chairman of NCPAC, will deliver the initial address which will be a discussion of the national political situation and the relation of independent committees to the major parties.

Local Meetings Discuss Candidates

Reconvening after lunch, the students will divide into groups representing the four boroughs, in which they will work for special consideration of local problems. Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens sessions will be held simultaneously to discuss specific candidates. The reasons for supporting PAC candidates will be considered in each case, followed by a discussion of the forces needed for their election and the election concentration points in each borough. Critical election districts will also be thoroughly analyzed at each of these four borough meetings, which will equip leaders in detail for an all-out youth drive in October and November.



The New York Campaign — An Analysis

by Leonard Ragozin



"Mary's gone to register, Alvin!"

The nature of the struggle going on both between and within New York's Democratic and Republican parties in this critical election year is of the greatest importance, both because of the state's key position in a presidential election and Governor Dewey's influence as Republican party head. What does a study of this campaign reveal?

The Republican platform of this key state must be classed as reactionary in the extreme on both domestic and foreign issues. Governor Dewey's acceptance speech clearly aligned the GOP with

defeatists, if not outright warmongers, by inclusion of such thinly veiled statements as:

"The whole world today is gripped in a conflict which has long existed in one form or another. That conflict is between those who believe in dictatorship, either the dictatorship of Communism or fascism, and those on the other hand who believe that human freedom is the ultimate expression of the highest aspiration of man."

Significantly, the Governor omitted any reference toward either the possibility or the need of maintaining peace, implying the inevitability of war. And Republican domestic policy, as expressed in the party platform, on careful reading appears to be little more than dressed-up Hooverism.

Obviously, a clear alternative to the Dewey-Ives platform and ticket is desired by straight-thinking New York voters. And while the Democratic platform's foreign policy bears a reactionary tinge, its domestic measures do approach that ideal of a fighting program meeting the needs of veterans, labor of all kinds, farmers, and the Negro people.

Governor Dewey's record in New York, moreover, alienates him from liberal support. Dewey failed to deliver appropriations for housing projects, built a surplus in the state treasury at the expense of public services, sabotaged enforcement of minimum wage laws, failed to provide sorely needed additional state education facilities, and ignored his own commission for the improvement of state health plans.

The lessons to be drawn from the New York campaign picture are everywhere applicable. Liberal elements in both parties need strengthening, and independent pressure by such groups as YCPAC on the behalf of liberal candidates of both parties must be applied.

All progressive voters should scrutinize their local party platforms and records carefully, for the coming state elections will decide not only the make-up of the state administrations for the next four years, but will determine which factions are to have the upper hand in the 1948 Republican and Democratic nominating conventions.

Election of good Congressmen in the 1946 elections depends, more than on any other factor, on a big vote. Statistics of recent elections and voting records of recent Congresses reveal that a large turnout at the polls results in the election of progressive Congressmen. When the vote is small, the Congressman elected not only is not representative of the people in his district, but also, once in Congress, usually votes against the people's interest and the national welfare.

The young citizen will be a deciding factor in this election. The young voter, while by nature a progressive voter, has in the past been apathetic about registration and voting. Reactionary candidates rely on the fact that while three-fourths of those persons over forty years old register, only one-half of those under forty do so. Young Citizens PAC, working in cooperation with youth, student and veterans' organizations should direct its register-vote campaign primarily toward the new, young voter who must be made to realize the importance and necessity of his ballot in this critical election year. The caliber of the "fateful 80th" will be directly affected by the size of the vote.

Non-partisan organizations, such as labor unions, NCPAC and ICC, veterans and consumer groups, and the like will probably be mobilized into an overall register-vote campaign in your area. Find out where you can fit into this picture. Local Young Citizens PAC chapters can take the responsibility of canvassing specific districts, or can help other organizations in districts where they are short-handed. Distributing leaflets -- There's another job for YCPAC. There are two main aspects of a register-vote campaign: publicizing the issues and importance of the elections, and spreading information on the technique and time of registration. These and any other methods you may think of to help may well provide that little "extra" which means so much during an off-year campaign.

Work full strength on getting young people to register before it's too late. Registration is more than half the battle of the ballot-box. When voting time comes around, telephone squads and car pools with chauffeur squads; set up by register-vote campaign headquarters, will need volunteers. You can help a lot with baby sitter squads. And of course the actual "vote-pulling" -- going out and bringing voters to the polls -- is a job for everyone.

So join up with your local register-vote campaign; or, if it's not in full swing, help organize it. On these next few weeks rest America's future. We of YCPAC must put forth our best efforts for a large vote -- a people's vote -- a progressive vote.

Editorial: Young Citizens and the Eighteen-Year-Old Vote

The Old Guard Politicians are afraid of youth.

American youth played a decisive part in the fight on fascism abroad. The Old Guard fears that youth, its mettle proven, will complete the job by turning against reactionaries at home. In their fear, they have lied and hit below the belt in a vicious effort to stifle the voice of the American youth.

But in spite of their efforts, pressure continues to mount for youth's emancipation proclamation, the eighteen-year-old vote.

The old-line politicians claim that the young citizen of eighteen to twenty-one years is "not ready" to vote. They are right. The eighteen-year-old is not ready to "vote" in the sense in which too many of today's voters interpret the term. He is not ready to knuckle under to machine politics, to neglect the all-important primaries, to vote a straight ticket year after year. The young citizen is impatient of entrenched stupidity in political office. The arguments of tradition and patronage fail to impress him. His life has not yet been ground into a groove; he is energetic and inquisitive; he is an idealist instead of a defeatist, and will work for his

ideals. He has a greater stake in the future than the older citizen. And all of these very qualities are what

President Truman told a news conference of teen-age journalists on April 15th that he saw no reason why any intelligent boy or girl of 18 should not have the right to vote if they prepared themselves, since they proved in time of war that they can shoulder citizenship's highest duty.

keep the voting power from him. In short, his failing is not that he is unfit to vote, but that he is too well prepared to take his place in the forefront of today's intelligent independent voters.

In the recent primary elections in Georgia, for instance, the eighteen-year-old vote law inspired young people to redouble their efforts to put the governorship into liberal hands. The result was the greatest turnout of voters in the state's history, and the piling up for James V. Carmichael, liberal Governor Arnall's candidate, the most impressive popular majority ever accorded a gubernatorial candidate in the state. Ku Klux Klan idol Eugene Talmadge, of white supremacy and labor-baiting fame, received a resounding repudiation from Georgia's youth. His undeserved victory, which resulted from Georgia's archaic county unit system and over-rode the will of

the majority, will only spur the young people on to more intense political action next time.

Young people, even when the ballot is denied them, have fought for their ideals through the polls. Young Citizens PAC and other youth groups have cooperated with organized labor and progressives everywhere, playing active parts in primary and election battles -- ringing doorbells to get out the vote, poll-watching, mailing, handling the background of details which all campaigns require. And college organizations, such as those at Harvard, Radcliffe, Wellesley, Smith and many others have worked with labor and liberals in common drives for the public good -- organizing, canvassing, helping registration.

Yes, with these examples before them, reactionaries fear and fight the eighteen-year-old vote. Dr. Gallup found the young vote to be the New Deal vote. Young people led Europe's resistance movements, which all extended the voting power to the eighteen-year-old.

Four million or more new voters, young and wide-awake, will come to the polls when the franchise is given to the eighteen-year-old. All honest believers in democracy want to tap this fountain of youth. All honest believers in democracy will support the eighteen-year-old vote.

Organization Of Campus Chapters Under Way

Paralleling the formation of local YCPAC chapters in communities all over America will be the organization of college chapters on the nation's campuses this fall. Over a dozen large schools such as Harvard, Washington University, University of Chicago, Sarah Lawrence College, Columbia and others have already passed the preliminary stages of organization, while YCPAC's file of interested students, which already embraces nearly a hundred schools, is constantly growing.

Three Spheres Of Activity

The activity of the campus chapters will be of three main types: participation in political action in the local community or municipality, discussion and action on campus problems, and the sponsorship of a year-round school of political action techniques. This third division, perhaps the most interesting, will provide a sustained interest for members of the campus organizations, avoiding the risk of disintegration during the "off" months of the year when election fever has died down.

Varied Faculty Will Lecture

These campus schools will present a year-round series of lectures on the practical, down-to-earth side of politics. These lectures in applied political science will be given by members of the college faculty, Democratic and Republican party leaders and workers

from near by, and labor and liberal leaders.

The campus schools will use as a basic textbook NCPAC's new Manual of Practical Political Action. The Manual stresses the practical in politics, and many of the articles are written by the political experts who participated in the Original Political School held in June. As new techniques and issues arise, NCPAC will forward supplementary material to be added to this cumulative text.

A properly run school should provide the students with practical learning to help them apply their college theory -- material which is unavailable through present channels of education. Professor Gardner Murphy of City College and Linas Pauling of the University of California, to mention two leading educators, have expressed a keen interest in this and other aspects of the Young Citizens PAC program.

Year-Round Program Drawn Up

Besides establishing YCPAC campus chapters, organizers will make every effort to cooperate with other progressive and student-veteran groups, both for common effort during the elections and in aiding YCPAC's year-round program. This program consists of a series of points to be vigorously supported all year round by YCPAC and affiliated groups, including such measures as: the eighteen-year-old vote, anti-discrimination legis-

Registration Closing Dates Near

State	Last Day to Register
Montana.....	September 20
California.....	September 25
Arizona.....	September 30
New Jersey.....	September 25
New Mexico.....	October 5
West Virginia.....	October 5
North Dakota.....	October 5
Oregon.....	October 5
New York State:	
Cities over 5000.....	Oct. 4, 5, 11, 12
Cities under 5000.....	Oct. 5, 12
New York City.....	Oct. 7 through 12
Indiana.....	October 6
Ohio.....	October 7
Illinois.....	October 7

lation and its enforcement, relief of the housing shortage, increased state aid to universities, better implementation of the GI Bill of Rights, and so forth.

YCPAC Must Follow Through

Political action -- locally, nationally, and internationally, is a year-round and lifetime job. The elections are but one aspect of that job. The real job, longer and harder, is the follow-through. YCPAC can succeed only as it follows through, is vigilant and develops its program. Undoubtedly the student chapters will spring to life as the political campaign grows more intense. But they must endure and expand after the elections as well. Only then can they be considered a successful venture on the part of YCPAC and the young liberals of America's schools.

Young People of America Responding To YCPAC's Call

Five Of Nation's Largest Cities Report Encouraging Progress

Rallying round with encouraging enthusiasm, the young people of America have made substantial progress in organizing local Young Citizens Political Action Committee chapters to fill the need for coordinated political action by America's young people. In the two months following Dr. Frank Kingdon's announcement of the formation of Young Citizens PAC, centers of activity have sprung up rapidly in the east and middle west, and this mushroom growth is at present far from being halted.

The political awareness of America's young citizens has met and is meeting the test put upon it by YCPAC's organizers. The membership and leadership recruited in these past months form a solid foundation for a strong and comprehensive organization of American youth -- a YCPAC which will expand and extend further and further into local communities, those all-important strongholds of voting power.

Philly YCPAC Helps Registration

The Philadelphia YCPAC, which got off to a flying start with a large organizational meeting on July 25th, has been engaged in varied political activity since August. Its members were represented in a youth delegation which traveled to Washington to push action on anti-lynch legislation and better national civil-rights laws. The Congressional District groups, where formed in time, have worked on registration by giving out leaflets, operating sound equipment, and going into other districts to help, where these districts were understaffed.

Chicago Chairman Looks to Future

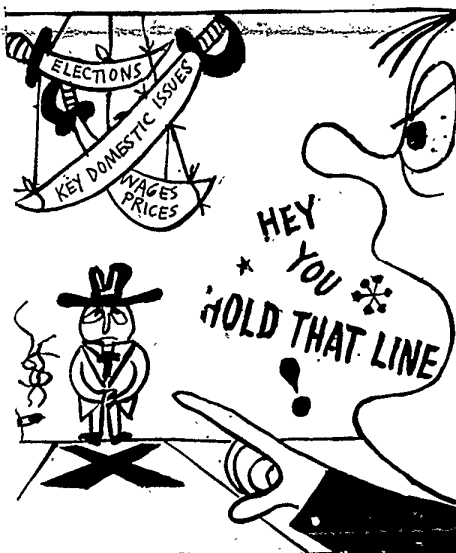
Chairman Bill Kornhauser, of Chicago YCPAC, reports:

"The immediate objective of YCPAC in Chicago is to get membership -- not only from groups already organized, but also from the large bulk of the unorganized in slum areas and working class districts. These youth have always been the tool of the machine politicians. A vigorous campaign to appeal to them on a local issue basis is being undertaken.

"But YCPAC in Chicago is looking far into the future as well. Efforts to elect a progressive Congress in November will only be a beginning toward the ultimate objective of building a progressive, independent political youth movement."

St. Louis Players at PAC School

In preparation for the November elections, the YCPAC of St. Louis is concentrating on fund-raising and political action techniques. Twenty-seven delegates from the St. Louis youth organization attended the Mis-



Keep your Congressman on his toes with letters and telegrams. If he doesn't give you what you want, get out the vote and beat him.

ouri School of Political Action Techniques held at Columbia, Missouri on September 6th and 7th. The St. Louis Young People's Players presented a series of skits during the course of the school, demonstrating the lively, dramatic method of getting messages across to assembled groups.

The fund-raising committee of St. Louis YCPAC was right on the ball.

New York Young Citizens PAC Sponsors Meeting Of Youth Leaders; Ten-Point Program For N.Y. Elections Is Discussed And Adopted

One hundred and fifty youth leaders, drawn from veterans', fraternal, student, religious and civic organizations, molded and adopted a platform of political aims for New York State at a meeting held on Tuesday, August 27th, under the sponsorship of YCPAC. The ten-point program, accepted almost unanimously by the delegates, was a broad, basic statement, designed to handle the most immediate needs of young citizens in the state.

with their mid-September carnival, raising money through games, raffles, lotteries and other painless extortion schemes, and gaining tremendously in publicity and membership as well.

"The First Annual Midwestern Roundup," as it was called, was in all an exciting and successful venture.

Denver Post Gives YCPAC Space

Colorado's YCPAC has been growing steadily, as was recognized by the Denver "Post," which invited chairman Marshall Chiat to contribute a guest editorial on youth's objectives.

YCPAC To Help At Boston School

Participation in the Boston PAC school is the major objective of Massachusetts YCPAC, which started rolling in August. Election of permanent officers, and a promotion campaign will wait until after that event, which takes place the weekend of September 20th.

Reports from the centers of activity listed in this article, as well as other local groups, all reflect the virility of YCPAC's local chapters. Progressive forces everywhere applaud the initial success of Young Citizens Political Action Committee in giving a voice to America's young liberals. If YCPAC fulfills its early promise, it will be a force to be reckoned with in American politics.

Telegram To Truman Protests

(continued from page one)

CLEARLY HOW FAR THEY HAVE ALREADY LED US IN SECRET DOWN THE DANGEROUS PATH TOWARD WORLD WAR THREE. WE CALL UPON YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO REAFFIRM YOUR SUPPORT OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, AND TO RENOUNCE THE VANDENBERG-BYRNES-CONALLY WAR POLICY.

(signed) NCPAC ICCASP

The ten platform points adopted included: approval of voting rights for 18-year-old citizens; immediate establishment of a free state university; immediate payment of a state bonus to veterans; increased state aid to veterans to supplement federal on-the-job training programs; and passage of the Austin-Mahoney bill, which would withdraw the tax-exemption privilege from public institutions which practice race discrimination.

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Dear Friend:

We are calling a meeting at my office on the 6th floor of the Bakewell Building, Thursday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m., of members of the Board, Chapters, and other interested persons to discuss future plans for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in Western Pennsylvania.

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At a meeting of the National Board in New York City in September, a curtailment of the budget was voted and as a result, appropriations for the financing of out-of-town offices were cut off. The National Board recommended that committees that wish to continue full time functioning offices take steps to finance these offices locally, or where this is not possible, organize a volunteer committee to carry on the work.

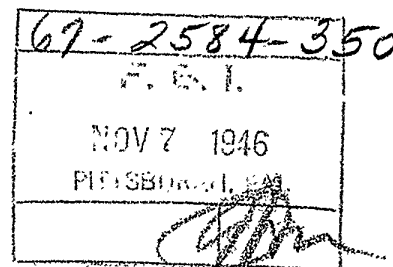
You are, therefore, requested to attend this meeting in order that a thorough discussion can be held and decisions on the functioning of the committee reached by the broadest participation of interested people. Please invite any members of your Committee, Chapter or organization who are interested in this work, and who you feel will have a contribution to make to this meeting.

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Sincerely yours,

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October 23, 1946

TO ALL CLUB CHAIRMEN
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades:

I am sure that you appreciate the many reasons why the coming Ben Davis meeting will be of more than ordinary importance for us. Its significance in relationship to the fight for Soviet-American friendship, as well as in regard to many other vital problems makes it important that we guarantee the success of the meeting. In addition to the major political reasons, the meeting also will have an added significance in the sense of the word that it will be the climax of all of our activity in the recent period in connection with the utility strike, the election campaign and many other fields of activity, and must be a mobilizing center for our next phase of work. For this reason every aspect of the preparations for this meeting should be considered a responsibility which all of us assume.

Not the least of these tasks is guaranteeing the success of the meeting financially. As you will recall from previous discussions and letters, the picnic campaign in July, while an outstanding success nevertheless did not guarantee the budget for the rest of the year. The reason for this is that in the first six months of the year we lagged behind in many sections in the fulfillment of our financial plans. Therefore, while the picnic success helped take in the slack, it did not do the final job as far as 1946 is concerned. Since the picnic we have not attempted to conduct any kind of organized activity. One of the reasons is that this would be unnecessary if we guaranteed the success of the Davis meeting. Here the problem is, of course, to make sure of an organized collection. If we rely just on a general collection from the audience that will not meet the needs. The type of collection that is required can only be guaranteed if each club sets itself a quota and undertakes to collect that quota before the meeting and then presents it in a lump sum at the meeting.

Only a few weeks are left to do the job. If immediate steps are taken to raise the question in the executive committees, to work out a list of people to reach -- as many people as possible -- I am sure that the result desired can be guaranteed. It is not the purpose of this letter to discuss ways and means of how to do it, or what amount you should set yourself. Other Comrades will take this question up personally and directly. I would like to stress the importance of all of us assuming direct political responsibility for taking hold of the thing.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson
Chairman, Communist Party
of Western Pennsylvania

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P.S. While collection lists probably will not be the main means of raising the funds for the meeting, a number of Comrades have suggested however that in connection with some Clubs or some individuals, some collection lists would be very helpful. Therefore we have prepared a limited number and are enclosing some with this letter. Please be sure to keep track of the lists and report on their final disposition.

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NORTH SIDE CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL -- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th -- 8 P.M.

To express our appreciation for the example shown by Councilman Ben Davis of New York in promoting friendship between America and the Soviet Union and in the fight for peace, democracy, progress, and for the rights of the Negro people, and to help further the fight for these aims, we hereby contribute the following:

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ŠTOVANI BRATE-SESTRO:—

U utorak idućeg tjedna održati će se sudbonosni kongresionalni i državni izbori. Republikanska reakcija je upregla sve sile u pokušaju da izabere štrajkolomca Martina i druge svoje kandidate. Rooseveltovi sljedbenici, radničke Unije, Political Action Committee i druge narodne organizacije mobiliziraju svoje snage da izaberu kandidate, koji će raditi za povratak Amerike na Rooseveltov program za mir u svijetu i široku socijalnu sigurnost i građanska prava kod kuće. Mi američki Hrvati i Hrvatice moramo učiniti sve u svojoj moći da pomognemo izabrati sljedbenike Roosevelta.

Treći Kongres Američkih Slavena je usvojio narodni program za mir i blagostanje američkog naroda. Prva točka u tom programu je izbor Kongresa Sjedinjenih Država na 5. novembra, koji će raditi za narodni mir i saradnju sa drugim zemljama, osobito za saradnju Velike Trojice u organizaciji Ujedinjenih Nacija.

Narodno Vijeće Američkih Hrvata sazivlje veliku narodnu skupštinu u **nedjelju, 27. oktobra** u 2:30 po podne u Slovenskom Domu na 57th i Butler Sts., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Govoriti će:

Speaker

[redacted] kandidat za Kongres Sjedinjenih Država o važnosti izbora i kandidatima za koje narod treba glasati.

[redacted] tajnik odbora bolesti H.B.Z., govoriti će o kampanji Hrvatske Bratske Zajednice za novo članstvo.

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[redacted] o radu i zaključcima Trećeg Kongresa Američkih Slavena i Nacionalne Konferencije Narodnog Vijeća i Centralne Organizacije Amer. Hrvatica.

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Dodjite i povedite svoje prijatelje. Pokažimo reakciji da smo svi za Rooseveltov program i da ćemo glasati za kandidate koji će izvodjati taj program.

Još jednom: Dodjite pod svaku cijenu na ovu važnu skupštinu.

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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senator Warren F. Austin of Vermont will head the American delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. Senator Warren is also scheduled to take over as permanent United States representative on the Security Council early in January.

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YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO UN

Yugoslavia's entire delegation to the United Nations General Assembly will total thirty-one members. The delegates are Stanoye Simich, [redacted]

Alternate delegates are: [redacted]

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WALLACE THANKS HIS SUPPORTERS

It is not unusual to hear people say, "I would wire or write this or that statesman but no one will even look at it". It is reported that Henry A. Wallace has received over 9,000 telegrams, letters and cards expressing their support to his recent Madison Square Garden address. The tremendous accumulation of these communications did not prevent individual acknowledgment of each from Mr. Wallace. The following is a typical message received by his friends:

"This is the first opportunity I have had to answer your heart-warming message. You don't know how much it has encouraged me to receive the spontaneous response of literally thousands of people -- people who ultimately will determine whether we are going to have one free world or whether we are going to be swept into a world-wide holocaust. We must all of us keep up the good work, each in his own way.

"Many thanks for your heartening support.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgnd) H. A. Wallace F. B. I.

This and similar messages amply prove that truly, democratic statesmen appreciate and desire expression of support from their people.

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LAUDED BY UNITED NATIONS GROUP

Felicitations to Dr. Andrija Stampar, retiring president of the Economic and Social Council, were expressed in five official languages at the final meeting of the Council in New York. John G. Winant, United States delegate, [redacted]

[redacted] each in his respective native tongue extended compliments and congratulations to [redacted] on the success of [redacted] the Council.

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EISENHOWER SAYS "WE SHOULD NOT DESPAIR"

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, speaking of the world situation, said: "....We should not despair. Every intelligent man in the world knows that civilization cannot stand another war. I personally think we are making progress in the other direction and that every fighting soldier feels that, by education, we are progressing toward a point where men of my profession will be permanently out of a job."

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VOLUNTARY GIFTS ONE-THIRD OF U. S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNRRA

United States citizens voluntarily contributed one-third of the sum that the United States government invested in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration out of their own pockets. The figure most commonly seen as representative of the total USA investment in UNRRA is \$2,700,000,000.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVES

Late September found the progressive leaders from throughout the USA assembled for a two-day conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Louis Adamic, author of *Dinner at the White House* was the single attendee who, at a Committee Executive meeting, doubted and questioned the wisdom of declarations made by Philip Murray, CIO president, and Harold Ickes, former Secretary of the Interior. Murray had repeated his declarations against Communist meddling in American liberal groups while Ickes related that the time had come for liberals to cease assuming the burden of defending Russian foreign policy, and appraise the situation from a realistic, pro-American viewpoint. Ickes and Murray refused to budge and apparently no one pursued the questioning.

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BALOKOVIC DEPARTS FOR BELGRADE

Zlatko [] Balokovic left Paris October 9th, arriving in Belgrade, Yugoslavia October 11th. They had spent an extremely interesting and busy month in Paris attending, as well as giving, numerous receptions and parties often including a large number of delegates attending the Peace Conference.

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A musicale and reception was given by the Yugoslav Envoy in Paris [] in honor of [] Balokovic, on October 3rd. Mr. Balokovic, his masterful violin offerings, [] won the hearts of all present. And, according to their reports, they were equally enthused with their many new and renewed friendships.

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BLACK WRITES ADAMIC

Writing a letter to Louis Adamic on September 16, 1946 from Washington, Justice Hugo L. Black of the United States Supreme Court, says: "I wish many people could read your book *'Dinner at the White House.'* Many of the thoughts you suggest need to be pondered by those who prefer peace to war."

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TRIAL

On October 9th, 1946 the New York Times published a letter written by Mr. Stephen Lackovic, who exalted Archbishop Stepinatz as being instrumental in helping hundreds of Jewish refugees escape from Croatia to Italy. [redacted] failed to mention Stepinatz's ignorance of Ustashi Massacres.

[redacted] events in Yugoslavia and now [redacted] of the Embassy of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia in Washington in a letter to the editor of the New York Times, published October 15, 1946, endeavors to refresh [redacted] memory on [redacted] activities during those years.

[redacted] writes:

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Like [redacted] whose letter was published in THE TIMES of Oct. 9, I, too, am a Croat and a Catholic and was an eyewitness to the tragic events in Croatia from 1941 to 1945.

We can all rejoice if [redacted] was in any way instrumental in helping "hundreds" of Jewish refugees escape from Croatia to Italy. Yet [redacted] fails to mention that the Ustashi terrorists of the Pavelitch regime, with which [redacted] was so closely allied under Hitler's protection, murdered during those years approximately 50,000 Croatian and Bosnian Jews, or over two-thirds of Yugoslavia's pre-war Jewish population of 70,000.

[redacted] letter also fails, significantly, to speak of the major sections of the charges against [redacted] the massacre by the Ustashi of over 500,000 Serbs. There were 2,000,000 Serbs in Croatia when Hitler set up the Pavelitch puppet regime there in April, 1941, and the policy then officially proclaimed was that a third of these were to be forcibly converted from the Orthodox to the Catholic faith, a third were to be driven back to Serbia and a third were to be killed. Among the first murdered were hundreds of Orthodox priests.

[redacted] a member of Pavelitch's Parliament (Sabor), NOV 7 1946 apostolic vicar in Pavelitch's army and a member of the committee for the conversion of Serbs to Catholicism, made no effort to save these priests and did not even intervene on behalf of his colleague, [redacted] the metropolitan of Zagreb, who was barbarously tortured before being put to death. It is not difficult to draw conclusions from [redacted] omissions.

It should not go unnoticed that the Ustashi also killed approximately 31,000 Catholic Croats in Zagreb alone.

I am told that it is hard for Americans to comprehend the enormity of these crimes. For us who lived through them it is hard to forget.

COMMUNIST PARTY - BEN DAVIS MEETING.

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The Committee on the Ben Davis Meeting met to discuss final program arrangements with the following participating.

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Roy Hudson,

Matt Cvetic

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Ticket situation was discussed - a total of 750 tickets reported sold with some 350 paid for to date. Indications point to a sale of some 2000 tickets with an attendance ranging anywhere from 800 up to 1500.

On the Collection a total of 1680 has been pledged so far. The large part of this pledge should be realized and additional money will be forthcoming from individual contributors.

Additional work of the committee will be checking up on ticket sales, and also trying to get additional contributions.

The tentative schedule as announced for Sunday night is as follows:

7:50 Program open at 7:50 with Recorded playing of Star Spangled Banner sung by [redacted]

7:52 [redacted]

8:00 Veteran Speaker (probably [redacted])

8:05 McGill Chorus

8:15 [redacted] on the Daily Worker special where the Soviet Conspiracy will be offered as a spec. inducement

8:20 Roy Hudson for the District.

8:35 McGill Chorus.

8:45 [redacted] - Money Collection.

9:15 to 10:05 Ben Davis.

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A large part of the meeting was given to discussing program and arrangement details. [redacted] reported that [redacted] from N.S. is a good friend of the Davis family and it was agreed that he should be invited to the ~~me~~ platform. About 20 leaders will be on the platform

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Meeting at Knights of Pythias Hall Sunday, Oct. 13th at 8:00 P.M. Principal speaker Betty Gannett from the Organization Committee of the Communist Party

A meeting to hear Betty Gannett was organized by the Communist Party for Sunday evening Oct. 13th. Some 100 persons attended the meeting the majority of whom were leaders in Communist Party work in this vicinity.

[redacted] s introduced [redacted] as a charter member who was chairman of the meeting.

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Betty Gannett was then introduced by [redacted] and she gave a good history of the Communist Party and its struggles from 1919 to the present time -- she spoke from prepared notes.

[redacted] spoke about literature.

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[redacted] announced the Ben Davis meeting which is scheduled for November 11th.

A moving picture put out by UE was next shown.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

The following attended:

Roy Hudson, [redacted]

Matt Cvetic, [redacted]

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Report by [redacted] 10.15

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Meeting of Committee of American Slav Congress Monday 10/14 at Slovak Hall at 8:00 P.M.

The committee met to discuss policy for the Congress in the future the following attending:

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Anthony Minerich, Chairman of this meeting

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Matt Cvetic,

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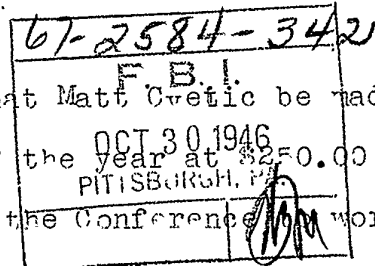
The following proposals were acted on after a through discussion by the meeting.

1st. It was proposed that a broad meeting of the Committee be called for Friday evening Oct. 25th.

2nd. It was proposed after discussion that a American Slav Conference for Western Pennsylvania be called for Sunday December 1st at the Fort Pitt Hotel - the English Room if available.

3rd. It was proposed that a meeting of the Delegates to the New York Conference be called at the Slovak Hall for Sunday Oct. 27th to discuss activities in the coming election and also to discuss work for the coming Congress.

4th. After discussion it was proposed that Matt Cvetic be made Exec.Secy. to function as such until the 1st. of the year at \$250.00 a month starting Nov. 1st. That plans be made at the Conference to work out a budget and to make plans to open an office that would be in keeping with a broad Slav movement and to staff it with sufficient personnel to carry on the work properly. Discussed were plans for the employin. of full time technical help and organizers. In the first discussion [redacted]



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was proposed as Secretary (executive) but because of previous commitments (He is writing a book) he could not accept but said he may be available for work after the 1st of the year. In the meantime he is willing to go on working in the Slav Congress.

The above motions were all approved.

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Meeting of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of W.Pa.
Friday P.M. 4:30 - 10/11th. Held at Office of IWO Columbia Bldg.

The Nationality Commission met to discuss the American Slav Congress and also the endorsement of candidates for the coming elections.

The following participated:

Anthony Minerich, Chairman.

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Matt Cvetic,

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The discussion centered around the activities of the Amer. Slav Congress and the necessity of broadening the activities of the Congress. Anthony Minerich proposed that [] who recently returned from the service ~~should~~ would be a good person to make Executive Secy. Tony said he was formerly with the OSS, that he is very much pro-new Yugoslavia and is a good guy. Roy Hudson proposed that if [] is not available then Matt who will be out of a job at the end of the month be considered for the job. He said that [] would be the idea person as he is not ~~xxxx~~ in the party. Matt was asked if he would be willing to work on the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Congress until such a time as some decisions are reached. Roy asked him if he could give 50% of his time to Slav Congress at present and Matt said yes. Next it was proposed that a Slav Conference be called sometime the latter part of November and this was approved. The date was left open. Roy Hudson spoke briefly on the candidates and also said that [] should be endorsed but that the Slavs should let them know how they feel about their recent ~~xxxx~~ anti-slav and anti-communist stands. Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

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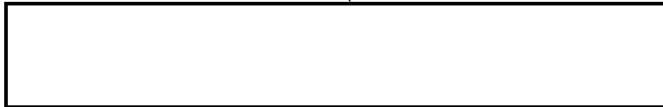
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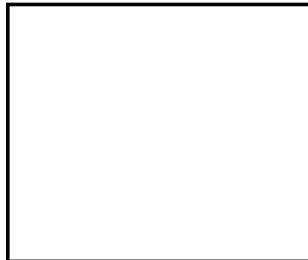
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Subject: Ben Davis Meeting -- Meeting of Arrangements Committee of CP.

The Committee on Arrangements met in the office of the ACYR at 1005 Berger Bldg. at 1:00 P.M. this afternoon to discuss plans for the coming meeting for Ben Davis which is scheduled for the Carnegie Music Hall in Northside for Sunday Nov. 10th. The following participated:



Matt Cvetic,



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[redacted] proposed the following agenda for discussion.

- a. Tickets (Distribution and Sales)
- b. Publicity
- d. Hall Arrangements
- e. Entertainment
- f. Reception.

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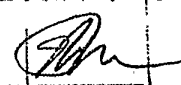
[redacted] stressed the importance of having a good attendance at the meeting and asked first for a checkup on tickets:

[redacted] reported that 500 tickets were received in his district and that about 40% of the membership have tickets.

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[redacted] reported that 200 tickets have been distributed in the Northside Club.

[redacted] reporting further that 75 tickets were distributed in McKeesport, 50 in Queenshe, 75 in Homestead, 200 in East Pittsburgh and 60 in Local 610. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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On [redacted] reported that Wash. Co. received 300 tickets.

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[redacted] reported 200 in the Hill District.

Matt Cvetic reported some 100 tickets distributed in Lawrenceville and that he spoke to the Southside Club, the Sq. Hill Club and the people from the Language Press and they all received tickets and are distributing them.

A total of 40 tickets were reported sold to date and emphasis in the discussion was placed on the sale of tickets and responsibility for this was placed in the following hands:

Matt Cvetic to take over all responsibility for ticket sales and distribution. b6
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And the following persons to take responsibility for checking up periodically with each club as follows:

East End.

Lawrenceville Matt Cvetic

J & L

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Food

Southside

Hill

Professional

Penn Twp.

Matt Cvetic

Northside

Sq. Hill

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Wash. Co.

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Oakmont

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An effort will be made to sell 2200 tickets which the committee decided will be the number that must be sold to pack the hall which holds 1400 or so and at least 1/3 of those who buy tickets don't show up the committee decided based on past experiences.

Next on Publicity [] reported that [] would be in charge -- b6
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On this it was reported that 200 posters publicizing the meeting were ~~xxxxxxx~~ ready and of these 150 would be distributed in the Hill District. 3000 Penny Post cards advertising 2 radio broadcasts and the meeting will be distributed. A special leaflet on the Hill District will be distributed Two (2) Ads in the Courier were approved. [] was instructed to get material together on Ben Davis life and releases will be sent on this to the local press and surrounding town newspapers, language press and the Worker. b6
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Next on Hall Arrangements, Matt Cvetic, [] were put in charge. Matt is to be Chairman of this committee.

This committee will organize the ushers, tickets ellers, ticket takers, the collection, ~~xxxx~~ take care of loudspeaker and platform etc.

On the Collection [] and Matt Cvetic are to call a meeting of the finance committee this week to organize same. b6
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On Entertainment -- no conclusion was reached. []

[] are to explore this possibility.

On the Reception two receptions were discussed. One a reception probably Saturday night 11/8 at which Ben Davis would meet members of the Communist Party. Admission to this reception would be one subscription to the Daily Worker sold by the member prior to the reception. The other a public reception for the Negro Leaders in the Hill District would be held on Sunday P.M.

These arrangements are contingent on the arrival date of Ben Davis -- he is to let the local committee know whether he is coming in Saturday or Sunday 11/9 or 11/10.

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The next meeting it was decided will be held in the Party Office on Tuesday October 22nd at 12:30 P.M.

[redacted] to call the Finance Committee meeting either Thurs. or Friday noon of this week. To get in touch with [redacted] [redacted] and to let Matt know the ~~xxx~~ day.

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[redacted] said there is a Bureau Meeting Saturday morning at 10:00AM This concluding the business -- the meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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Election Activities of the Communist Party

Meeting of Board of Strategy of the CP -Friday PM-3:30 P.M. in the office of the CP in the Bakerell Bldg.

A meeting to discuss Election strategy was called Friday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. This meeting originally scheduled for 11:30 A.M. was postponed till 3:30P.M. (I might add that this board meets at 11:30A.m. every Tuesday and Friday from now until election). Roy Hudson announced the following agenda:

- 1 - Meeting sponsored by ICC scheduled to be held in the Carnegie Music Hall, N.S. on November 3rd.
2. [redacted] Campaign.
3. Miscellaneous. CHICAGO CONFERENCE - P.A.C.

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The following participated.

Roy Hudson, Chairman of Meeting

Al Blumberg, from the National Office.



Matt Cvetic,



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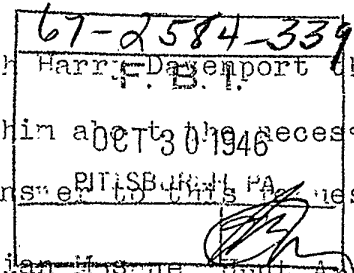
Roy Hudson stressed the importance of the ICC meeting - the importance of a large mass mobilization for this meeting. Discussed the possibility of influencing the remarks of the speakers such as [redacted]

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[redacted] Pointed out how disastrous it would be if they continued with their red-baiting. ~~xxx~~

Al Blumberg spoke up and said that they met with Harry Davenport this morning and in talking to him tried to convince him about the necessity of getting a larger place ~~xx~~ for the meeting. In answer to this request [redacted] according to Blumberg contacted Syrian Mosque, Fruit Armory and Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland for the purpose of ~~xxxxxx~~ getting a

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larger hall for the meeting. [] and Matt Cretic were

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asked to mobilize ~~xxxx~~ the people in their organizations for this meeting.

On discussing [] campaign it was pointed out/that a strong committee for [] has been organized in Squirrel Hill. He also pointed out that [] has a lot of good literature out some of which was prepared with the help of [] who according to [] is in daily touch with [] said that Al Blumberg, [] and himself met with [] this morning and discussed election strategy with him.

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Roy Hudson and Al Blumberg in discussion pointed out that more must be done in the UE and through our Slav organizations in this district which "IS OUR CONCENTRATION DISTRICT IN THIS ELECTION!" [] is to be contacted for the purpose of asking him to ~~xxxx~~ request that UE send someone into the district for two weeks to work here - Al ----- ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ was proposed. (This for the [] campaign)

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Other proposed activities were made by Al Blumberg for ~~xxxx~~ planned activities around the decision reached at the Chicago Conference of the ICC.

Further action proposed was to ~~xxxx~~ put pressure on Steel City Council for the purpose of calling a meeting before the ~~xx~~ election (The regular meeting having been cancelled due to the power strike)

Further proposal ~~xxxx~~ also were discussed regards the AFL position in the coming election. Note was taken of their neglect to endorse candidates. --

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FROM THE DISCUSSION IT WAS EVIDENT THAT [] IS IN CLOSE TOUCH AND WORKS WITH [] AND ALSO THAT [] ALB BLUMBERG AND POSSIBLY OTHER CP MEMBERS MET WITH [] YESTERDAY AND TODAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ELECTION STRATEGY WITH [] HAVING FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH STRATEGY BOARD MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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A meeting to discuss the Election Strategy was held with the following members present:

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Dismissed were:

- 1/ [redacted] Meeting
2/ [redacted] Campaign
3/ Negro Work in the Election
4 Slav Work in the Election
5 Radio Broadcast.

Discussion centered around the 'possible change of location' for the [] meeting which is scheduled for the N.S. Carnegie Music Hall. It seems none of those present had much information of what was trans- b6
piring on this meeting so Roy Hudson suggested that [] b7C
[] be contacted by [] or Matt to find out what the latest plans are. Roy Hudson suggested to Matt that the Slav Congress at its meeting on Friday night endorse the meeting.

On the [] campaign Matt reported that they are getting out a mailing to the Slav Voters in [] District and also that [] will speak at a meeting in the Slovenian Hall on 57th St. where ~~an~~ an effort will be made to get the people from [] district together ~~and~~ for Election Day. Roy Hudson reported that there would be [] meetings in the 11th & 12th Ward District tonight at ~~the~~ [] ~~159~~ 159 August St. ~~38~~ 38th St. On Thurs. night of this week there would be a [] Rally at the Fraternal center -- this meeting is not to be publicized. 30 1946

Going back to the [redacted] meeting Roy reported that an effort is being made to get a negro preacher to make the invocation at the meeting

and he told Matt the Slavs should try to get one of their leaders on the program.

[] gave a brief report of the Negro Work in the Hill and Matt gave a report on the Slav Congress and said there would be a meeting on Friday night of the Slav Congress committee to discuss the elections. Roy Hudson proposed to Matt that they do the following at this meeting.

1. Get out an official statement of policy on the elections a militant statement calling on the slavs to fight for Roosevelt Program - advocate the defeat of Martin. Prepare statement to be adopted in advance -- Roy said to call Tony and have him prepare the statement.
2. Discuss possible broadcast throughout W.Pa.
3. Endorse [] meeting.
4. Urge organizations (fraternal and others) to reach their membership on the elections and urging them to work together with other independent forces. use mailings, meetings etc.
5. Discuss the Chicago decisions of the PAC.

Finally the Radio Broadcast which is scheduled by the Communist Party was discussed and on the first broadcast [] is to make a 5 minute talk and [] a 10 minute talk. Roy and [] went over the speech of [] which [] said he wrote himself. Tomorrow they will go over it again.

The next meeting of this committee is Friday morning.

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Communists to Cooperate with Progressive

The Communist Party does not, however, endorse the Democratic candidates supported by the anti-Martin coalition. We believe that the limitations in the platform of these candidates and their inconsistent records make it necessary to further strengthen the independent political movement of labor and the people. The Communist Party will seek to help labor and its progressive allies, to advance the independent political movement as the best means of insuring that the will of the anti-Martin coalition will be carried out.

The defense of democracy, peace, and progress are the issues in the November elections. These are the aims of the great majority of the people and therefore the aims of the Communist Party—the Party of Socialism.

Socialism is the control of the basic industries and resources of the country by the people in order that they be operated for the people and not for the profit of the few. This is the fundamental solution that achieves full employment, higher living standards, greater democracy and permanent peace. We are firmly convinced that as a result of their own experience, the great American people will eventually come to understand the need for Socialism. Today Socialism is not the issue. The Communist Party therefore pledges its loyal cooperation to all other progressive forces with whom it shares common aims in the fateful elections of 1946.

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MASS MEETING

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Main Speaker

New York City Councilman

Sunday, November 10 - 7:30 P.M.

NORTHSIDE CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL

Federal and East Ohio Streets

ment of Wallace's speech and to demand Wallace's resignation. How then can it be said that support for Truman's foreign policy is the way to fight for Roosevelt's United Nations program? This all important question of a peace policy must be squarely faced by Senator Guffey and other anti-Martin candidates, because only the reactionary Republicans gain when the people are called upon to give unqualified support to Truman's foreign policy. The people want to put an end to the pernicious power of Vandenberg, Taft, Byrnes and Martin over the nation's foreign policy. They expect Senator Guffey and other labor backed candidates to uphold the cause of peace by repudiating Governor Martin's pre-war program.

Democratic Platform Strengthens Coalition

The unity of the anti-fascist coalition is strengthened because the Democratic platform does not parrot the lie that Communism is identical with fascism. The American people know that Communists all over the world have contributed to the defeat of Fascism and to the defense of democracy. They have paid too great a price in human lives and suffering to forget that Hitler used the hypocritical slogan of the "menace of Communism" to divide the democratic forces and gain strategic advantages for Fascism.

Independent Forces Decisive for Victory Over Reaction

The decisive force in upholding the policies of President Roosevelt has been the mass of independent voters and not the Democratic Party. The shortcomings of the Democratic platform, the inconsistent behavior of its main State candidates, as well as the abandonment of the Roosevelt policies by Truman, make this even more true in regard to the elections of 1946. A reactionary Republican victory can be prevented only if organized labor, the Negro people, the veterans, the various national groups, professional people, the farmers and other independent voters give leadership to the anti-Martin coalition by conducting a vigorous independent election campaign. Such action will insure Martin's defeat, strengthen the independent political movement and also pave the way for a new people's party.

If labor and its allies fail to speak out on the issues and arouse the people against Wallace's removal it will be the biggest help Martin can hope for. To remain "neutral" is to aid the reactionary platform and slate of Martin. For that reason, the membership of the A. F. of L., and especially the miners, who have always been staunch supporters of Roosevelt's policy, must rally to defeat Martin and reject the do-nothing policy of John L. Lewis and other agents of Martin within the A. F. of L.

hypocritical pledge to fight for a Fair Employment Practices Act is no more made before Martin nullifies it with his statement against penalties to enforce legislation. The tongue in cheek is too obvious. The very men who wrote the Republican platform were the ones to defeat the demands of the Negro people and other minority groups for a permanent FEPC during the last session of the State Legislature. These were the men, who, with millions of surplus tax money in the State Treasury, refused to call a special session to act on a State bonus for veterans. This is the State Administration that used State Troopers in an effort to break the Westinghouse strike. The veneer of liberal-sounding verbiage in the platform is too thin to conceal the truth to which facts bear testimony.

Governor Martin's strategy in this campaign is to raise the bogey of Communism to conceal the real issue: that is, will the progressive objectives of the foreign and domestic policy of President Roosevelt be upheld or not.

People Want Progressive Program

The people of Pennsylvania want a clear alternative to the war program of the trusts, offered by the Republicans. They want to vote for a program that will bring a higher standard of living, more democracy for the veterans, the workers, the Negro people, the farmers, and the small business men. They want a chance to vote against inflation and outrageous prices. They want lower taxes for the people and higher taxes on the trusts. They want to clip the wings of the Ku Klux Klan and other Fascist organizations. They want an election campaign that will forge the unity of all democratic forces to prevent the third World War and beat back the rising tide of fascism in America.

Some of these basic demands can be found in certain planks of the Democratic platform especially in the unqualified endorsement of the Economic Bill of Rights and in the plank on social legislation. But this positive action emphasizes the failure of the Democratic Party platform to uphold Roosevelt's foreign policy by drawing up specific proposals for its present day application.

Democratic Program Weak on Foreign Policy

This fundamental shortcoming in the Democratic platform is further emphasized by Henry Wallace's speech against the "get tough with Russia" policy and by his call for a return to the Roosevelt policy of cooperation with the Soviet Union. President Truman's reply was to comply with the demand of Martin's Republican allies, Senators Taft and Vandenberg, to renege on his own endorse-

Defeat Reaction in the 1946 Elections

(Statement of the Communist Party of Pennsylvania)

The people of Pennsylvania and America stand at the crossroads of history. Two paths are open to us in this atomic age. One leads to peace, security and happiness. The other leads to atomic wars, poverty and fascism. The fateful 1946 elections will be decisive in determining which path America will travel.

The Republican Party of Pennsylvania is owned body and soul by the men of Big Business—by Mellon, Grundy, Pew and Weir. Its election platform promises war to the world and oppression to the people of our state and nation. The foreign policy plank completely abandons even the slightest pretense of cooperation through the United Nations. Its major planks, "Stop appeasing Russia" and "War against all forms of Communism" are aimed at speeding up the imperialist war program of Vandenberg, Byrnes and Truman. What the Republicans really want is "more appeasement of Big Business". That is the real meaning of their slogan "Stop appeasing Russia".

Fascists Support Martin

Governor Martin's campaign is attracting the support of all fascist-minded groups in our state and country. The self-proclaimed Nazi storm trooper, Gerald L. K. Smith, and the anti-Semite, Upton Close, have both endorsed Governor Martin. The Governor has accepted Mr. Close's endorsement, even though he repudiated his same Upton Close last March for preaching un-American doctrines of hatred against minority groups. These facts are an indication of the things to come should the reactionary forces behind Governor Martin win this election.

The Republican Party platform makes a desperate effort to conceal its undemocratic character with a "liberal" mask. But the

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

DATE: October 22, 1946

TO: SAC, Pittsburgh

FROM: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National
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Your file 67-2584

In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of October 15, 1946, authorization is granted to pay this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning November 1, 1946.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized period you should submit an informative summary and your personal recommendation concerning the informant's continuance.

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Dear Friend:

This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Daily Worker of Oct. 2nd. Because of the critical situation facing our city, we feel certain this article will be of great interest to you. We would appreciate any comment you would like to make on the problems dealt with in this article.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Hudson, Chairman
Communist Party of Western Penna.
426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

Pittsburgh, Pa. -- With complete indifference to the welfare of the people the Duquesne Light Company continues to arrogantly refuse to meet the demands of its workers. Furthermore, reaction is making desperate efforts to recover from the major defeat it suffered in Pittsburgh when labor and the people forced the dissolution of the injunction against the striking utility workers.

Two things signalize the fact that monopoly is regrouping its forces and trying to regain the initiative. First is the attempt of a sinister "Citizens Committee" headed by the Chairman of the Westinghouse Corporation to initiate attacks against labor in the name of the "people". Second, is the action of the Hotel operators in categorically rejecting the proposal of the AFL Hotel Workers Union to extend the agreement, continue negotiations, and thereby avert a strike at this time.

Other reactionary forces are also helping to aggravate the crisis provoked by the Duquesne Light Co. This monopoly corporation refused to make any concessions during the weeks of negotiations. It sought to use the injunction and threat of contempt proceedings to compel the workers to settle for a 5% wage increase and a number of other minor concessions. Even this phoney "settlement" was withdrawn after the utility workers rejected it by an overwhelming vote. Thus the Company continues to refuse to make any serious offer to meet the utility workers demands for a 20% wage increase, union shop, master contract, and holiday and pension plan. By prolonging and deepening the crisis it hopes that the utility workers will waver, labor's solid support will be undermined and the community will finally turn against the utility workers.

Reaction has been encouraged and aided in these attempts by a number of things. First, Mayor Lawrence, while withdrawing the City's injunction petition, has not followed this up with a fundamental correction of the City's policy. Even though the strikers overwhelmingly voted against it, Mayor Lawrence continues to make the issue the refusal of the utility union to accept the phoney offer which the Company, with the aid of the courts, tried to force the workers to accept.

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Secondly, the independent union and its leadership has not fully explained the legitimate demands of the workers and exposed the company's unsatisfactory proposals, and has not actively sought a joint policy with the AFL and CIO. These facts make it easier for enemies of the workers to make charges of "irresponsibility".

Third -- the press momentarily made use of statements made by some CIO and AFL leaders to further the impression that organized labor did not stand behind the legitimate demands of the utility workers. Fortunately, the action of the street-car workers in refusing to cross picket lines and the pledges of continued support made by many local unions have helped to clarify labor's real stand. Likewise, the discussions now taking place between representatives of the AFL and CIO are of key importance because they can open up the possibilities for establishing a common policy and unified action without which labor and the people will be wide open to a disastrous attack that will wipe out the victory won against the injunction. On the basis of a common program labor can insure that there will be a sound policy, a responsible leadership -- and defeat reaction's hope to divide labor and the people.

The fundamental issue remains the plot of the Duquesne light monopoly, backed up by the rest of Big Business, to defeat the demands of the utility workers and strike a smashing blow against labor and the progressive democratic coalition in the elections. The need of the hour is greater unity of the people to bring about a rapid and satisfactory settlement of the utility workers demands and of the hotel workers who have been forced to take strike action. The key to this unity of the people is joint action of CIO and AFL and the independent union, and leadership to rally labor and the people to smash this conspiracy of a reactionary monopoly.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 15, 1946

SAC, PITTSBURGH

MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113

Bureau File 66-2542

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 26, 1946 authorizing the Pittsburgh Field Division to continue this informant three months, effective August 1, 1946. This informant attended the National Committee meeting of the American-Slav Congress in the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, July 27, July 28, 1946. At this meeting about fifty leading communists met to discuss plans for the Third American-Slav Congress scheduled to be held September 20, 21, and 22, 1946. Those in attendance included LEO KRZYCKI, national president of the American-Slav Congress, and [redacted] of the American-Slav Congress. A complete report of the business at the meeting was made available to the Pittsburgh Field Division by CVETIC.

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On August 4, 1946 [redacted] representative of the Federated Republic of Yugoslavia and the one who represented his government at the San Francisco United Nations Conference, and good will ambassador to the United States, spent three days in Pittsburgh as a guest of the Slovenes in Pittsburgh vicinity and was principal speaker at the Slovene Day picnic in West View Park, which was attended by approximately five thousand Slovenes. All arrangements for his visit were made by Confidential Informant C-113 and they were in constant company during his stay in Pittsburgh.

The informant is associated with the following organizations in the capacity listed:

Executive Secretary, A.C.Y.R.; Chairman, National Slovenian Section, C.P.U.S.A.; member of National Committee, American-Slav Congress; Acting Secretary, American-Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania; member Slovenian American National Council; member of Executive Committee Lawrenceville Branch, C.P. of W. Pa.; member of Finance Committee of C.P. of Western Pennsylvania; member of Organizational Educational Committee of C.P. of W. Pa.; president, American Slovenian Civic League of Western Pennsylvania; member of Language Commission, C.P. of W. Pa. As a result of his being affiliated with these organizations and committees, he is able to furnish the Pittsburgh office with daily typewritten reports covering a large part of the Communist picture in this district.

This informant covered the Third American-Slav Congress meeting at Madison Square Garden, New York, on September 20, 21, and 22 and cooperated with Special Agents H. W. LITTLE and [redacted] of the New York Office during his stay in New York. SA LITTLE stated that the agent who handled CVETIC stated that the cooperation of the informant was excellent, that he was prompt in keeping his appointments, and was successful in obtaining information pertinent to the investigation of that case.

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In view of these facts it is requested that this informant be authorized to continue for a period of three months, beginning November 1, 1946 as an informant to be paid \$60.00 weekly.

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Report by [redacted]

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Re: American Slav Congress

Overheard a telephone conversation ^{today} between Matt Uvetic who works in the office next to ours and [redacted] Matt called the New York office of the American Slav Congress and asked for [redacted] He told [redacted] that he was informed by one of our people in Pittsburgh that the trip of the delegation was called off but that Steve Nelson who is in town suggested that he (Matt) call [redacted] right away and make sure. Matt said that on the basis of the information he received from Tony he cancelled the arrangements for the Hall. [redacted] said that the Delegation will be in Chicago on the 11th and asked Matt that he should see what can be done to go through with the Pittsburgh arrangements. Matt said he doubted if anything could be done now as there was a power strike, a hotel strike and the trolley cars were not running and it is very difficult to get anybody together for a meeting. Here [redacted] suggested that Matt talk to [redacted] so [redacted] put [redacted] on the line. Matt told [redacted] the same story and [redacted] told Matt that ~~the~~ if possible at least the leaders of the Slav Congress should be gotten together for a meeting or some affair. Matt gave him the story about the power strike etc. [redacted] said that if the meeting can be arranged that either Leo or himself or both would come with the ~~the~~ delegation which will be led by General [redacted] and that [redacted] would be in the delegation. He told Matt the meeting in Chicago is going on as scheduled and that they would leave New York either on Tuesday or Wednesday to complete the arrangements for the meeting (that is in Chicago) If you have the meeting in Pittsburgh we will come there a day or two ahead [redacted] Matt told [redacted] that [redacted] suggested that he Matt should take over the secretary work of the Amer. Slav Congress. ~~xx~~ Matt asked [redacted] not to tell anybody about this. [redacted] 9-46

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Report by [redacted]

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Steve Nelson and Matt Cvetic got together this afternoon to discuss Matt's work in the movement. Steve said he knows that the budget of the American Committee was cut and asked Matt if there were any possibilities of financing the office locally. Matt told Steve that he felt sure that this is impossible as the Serbians have their own Committee, the Croats have theirs and the Slovenes have their own and since the Airplane incident it is impossible to get any American support at all as a matter of fact Matt said not a dam cent came into the office in the past five weeks. Steve Nelson then ~~xxxx~~asked Matt if a volunteer committee can't be gotten together. Matt said he ~~xxxx~~ thought this could be worked out some way - that many details such as what to do about the office etc will have to be worked out. Matt said we have a meeting scheduled for next week providing the power situation ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is settled.

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Steve then said he had a discussion with Roy and Tony about Matt taking over the secretary work of the Congress. He said Tony spoke very highly of Matt's work but that Roy Hudson said there was some criticism of the work of the American Committee in this district but he also said that Roy didn't think it was all Matt's fault or whether the criticism was justified. Matt said it was tough work from the start - Steve N. said the only question was ~~xxxx~~ whether [redacted] or Matt should be the secretary. He said that he discussed this with the comrades and they felt that either one would be alright. He (Steve) said he was of the opinion that [redacted] should be made secretary of the Serbian Congress and that Matt should be the secretary of the Slav Congress. He said we need someone like [redacted] in the Serbian movement who can work with all the sections of the Serbian movement. Matt said if he could get the co-operation of our party forces here he would be willing to tackle the job as he felt that a Slav Congress movement could be financed locally.

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Steve Nelson said the best thing to do is to wind up the work of the American Committee as a full time functioning organization this month and let the volunteer committee take on the work after the 1st. of the month.

Steve Nelson told Matt to call Roy Hudson tomorrow morning and discuss it with him and see what he thinks. He said he (Steve) would call Roy Hudson this afternoon and discuss it with him. He told Matt that Roy also thought highly of Matt's work and wants him to stay in the movement - Matt told Steve he would like to stay in too - that he has a good chance at a selling job but he wouldn't be happy out of the movement. Steve said we need you in the movement.

Next Steve asked Matt how the Slovene problems are and Matt told him we are moving alright. [] will have the first issue of the bulletin off the press soon. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Matt said we also checked our mailing list with penny postcards and many of them have come back with the people very glad to hear from us. Matt told Steve that ~~kkkkkk~~ the bulletin would be for distribution to party members and friends Steve asked is the publication come out in the name of the party -- Matt said yes. Steve then asked Matt what ~~was~~ were the possibilities of getting one of the Slovene papers. ~~xxxx~~ Steve asked further if any of the papers ^{b6} _{b7c} follow our line. Matt said that as far as he knew Glas Naroda which is a weekly coming out of N.Y. has been a very good paper. It is an independent paper and has been OK - Matt said he believed this paper can be gotten hold off. ~~xxxxxx~~ Matt said Pro Sveta in Chicago is in hands of the Socialists in Chicago and even tho' it is alright now you never can tell when they will change their line. And Enakoprovost in Cleveland is in ~~the~~ a tough city. Matt said he would recommend steps be taken to get [] if such a step is anticipated. Steve said this is confidential but we are very anxious to get a ~~paper~~ ^{XXXXXXXXXXXX} Slovene Paper which can do the same kind of work as say the Glasnik or Slobodna Rec.

he told Matt to keep this in mind as a task for the not too distant future as it is very important that we have such a paper. If it can be worked out have Steve said we ~~xxxxxx~~ two or three people who will buy into the paper so follow up on this. Matt said that [] in New York who works for [] is a good friend of ours and we may be able to work through her. b6 b7C

Steve said he has a meeting with the Croatian Comrades this afternoon and then he has a meeting here tonight (didn't say where) tomorrow he said he has an all day meeting in Cleveland and expects to leave Cleveland Sunday afternoon for Chicago.

(Amer. Slav Congress)
Matt told Steve that they had cancelled the meeting for the European delegates as they had been informed that the delegation would not be here. Steve asked Matt who told him and Matt said Tony. Steve said you better call [] right away when you get back to the office as there has been some change. b6 b7C

This concluded their discussion and Matt left - they parted at the office at 1916 East St.

Oct. 5th, 1946 [redacted]

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Meeting of Org.-Ed. Committee of the Communist party of W. Pa.
Sat. P.M. Oct. 5th in the office of the CP Bakewell Bldg.

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following members present:

Roy Hudson, (he came in around 2:30 P.M.)

[redacted]

Matt Cvetic,

[redacted]

[redacted] (Invited Guest)

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On the agenda were:

Minutes

Daily Worker Drive

National Training School

Report of Chicago Meeting.

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Minutes were dispensed with.

On the Daily Worker Drive Dave Grant reported that a special issue of the Daily worker will be put on Oct. 17th for Mass Distribution throughout the District. After the distribution which will probably be on Sunday Oct. 20th. plans for following up and trying to get worker subs will be worked out.

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On the National Training School [redacted] reported that there will be a school this winter ~~for~~ to which two of our comrades ~~will~~ were invited to participate. The school will be for six weeks duration and will be held from Nov. 9 to Dec. 22nd. in ~~the~~ New York City or vicinity. [redacted] further proposed that the candidates for this school be selected from [redacted] --

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On discussion of which there was very much it develops further that [redacted] informs us that the school will be basically for Trade Union Comrades

further proposals were made by [] who proposed []
[] who proposed [] and Matt Cvetic
who proposed []

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On [] it was felt that since elections are coming up and he might be a candidate for the presidency of the Union he ~~xxxxxxxx~~ would not be a candidate for the school but that this must be discussed with him. As to [] it was felt since they work for Carnegie Steel and the company is trying to get something on them to fire them anyhow it was felt they couldn't get a leave of absence. [] it was felt was in the movement long enough even tho' mentioned as a good prospect. As to [] Roy said he wasn't ripe enough. Agreement was that

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[] should be one of the candidates and it was decided he could hardly likely accept and that in order [] should be considered. [] work is much respected and [] spoke very highly of [] As To [] Roy Hudson said he was lucky to get away to attend school for one week this summer and could hardly get away for six weeks and is not a realistic candidate from that standpoint.

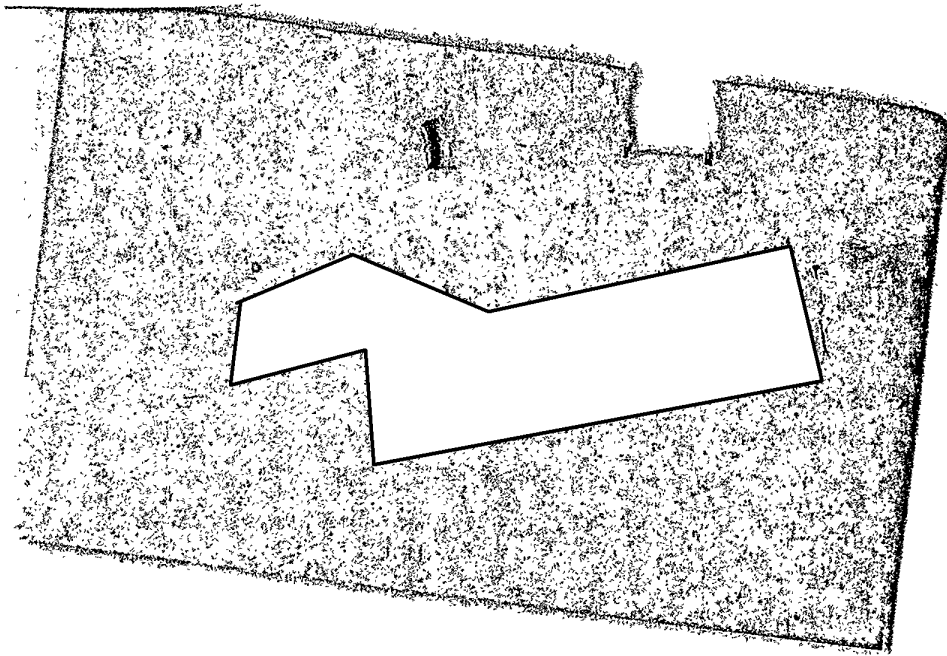
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Next [] reported on the Chicago Meeting and on this he said there were four points on the agenda.

- a. Shop Clubs,
- b. Registration,
- c. Daily Worker,
- e. Community Clubs.

Because of a shortage of time the only point he said go real discussion was the Shop Clubs -- It was pointed out by Comrade [] from Cleveland who made the main report on this (Dave said) that we haven't followed up properly on the work we done in the shop clubs. Stress was laid on building the Communist movement in the Shops and that the character of these clubs must change from being just election winning instruments into what was termed strong communist clubs. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Also it was pointed out in this report that our concentration in the shop branches has

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the way we planned. As the keynote of his remarks Comrade [] used the following quoted "We must make every shop branch a fortress of Communism". We must with ~~xxxx~~ instill them with proper Marxists and Leninists principals and make them into real party branches instead of by-products. b6 b7C

At the meeting ~~Rxxx~~ It was reported that the only Branches which carried on some party activities such as distributing the worker and literature amongst its Memebbers was the UE in E.Pgh and a shop branch in Detroit. -- In discussing the local situation It was pointed out that the [] branch with 17 members practically does not exists. That in S.S. ~~xx~~ at the last meeting only 2 members attended even tho' [] reported that two of our good comrades go jobs in there and the situation here should be improved. -- b6 b7C

On the Daily Worker and the Community Club [] reports very little or no discussion. b6 b7C

Other participants in the Chicago Conference he reports were Comrades Winston and Comardes Betty Gannett.

The biggest discussion developed around Registration and on this point there was sharp debate in the ~~Rix~~ Org-Ed meeting.

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10-8-46 Rms* [] reported that Betty Gannett from the national office stressed the importance of getting registrations under way and also stressed new procedure as to membership records. Dave Grant said and Quote it was felt that "ANYTHING THAT MAY BE LEGALLY USED AS EVIDENCE TO PROVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY MUST BE DESTROYED" - That no records of membership be kept what so-ever. He reported further that quote "NEWYORK STATE HAS ALREADY BURNED THEIR RECORDS" - Exceptions to destroying the records and also exceptions to registering members without any book rcords was oposed by Roy. He said we need "more radical work and less god-dam conservative organizing". [] in her report said ~~xx~~ our membership committee really deesn't exist. She reports Eleanor as being excused from this activity for the time being. [] not functioning since she is worki b6 b7C

in the office. [] not available -- She said we really don't have a committee. Re-organization steps will be discussed and []

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[] will be asked to participate. She also oposed the national office send out insstruction to dstroy records without consulting with the local district.

It was decided that this be discussed with Betty Gannett when she comes here on the 13th (she will be here for a Forum+Sunday Night) and that Betty Gannett meet with the Membership Committee and Club Secretaries - Some comoardes were of the opinion that this step should be discussed with the bureau first. -- Nevertheless it will be discussed before any record destroying takes place.

Stress will be placed this month on the collection of Dues and the pushing of the Daily Worker.

Andrea reported that it appears that we will lose approximately 25% of our membership in the registration. She was worried about how we are going to keep track of members if we are not going to keep records.

[] further stressed that no membership cards be issued or any papers which ~~xxxx~~ could be used as evidence of membership in the party.

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This having concluded the business of the meeting -- the meeting adjourned at 4:36.

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Communist Party activities in the current Pittsburgh Power Strike:

The office of the Communist Party is very busy today getting out statements and holding meetings for the purpose of planning activities in the Power strike.

Roy Hudson meets with various members to discuss strategy and works on preparing statements.

[redacted] is working on a statement for the press this morning
[redacted] is working on a mimeographed circular which will be distributed throughout Pittsburgh by the Party Clubs. ~~xxxxxxx~~ The circular is about the Power strike (Contents unknown)

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The Party is also organizing delegations which will go to see the Mayor in his office starting this afternoon. [redacted] will be the spokesman for at least one of these delegations which is to be at the Mayor's office at 2:00 P.M. Oct. 2nd.

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Re: Hotel & Restaurant Workers Strike:

Saw [redacted] picketing in front of the Pittsburgher Hotel at 11:05 A.M. Oct. 2.

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Meeting of Language Commission of the Communist Party
Office of the IWO -- Tuesday afternoon 4:30 P.M. 9/3/46

The Language Commission of the Communist Party met to discuss
the following:

1. Slav Congress
2. Permanent Secretary for Slav Congress
3. [] Lawrence's and Buchanan's speeches b6
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4. Good and Welfare.

The following attended:

Roy Hudson,

[] of the Committee

Matt Cvetich



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[] reported that the Slav Congress called a meeting b6
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at the Slovak Hall last Thursday evening and that about twenty were
present. He reported that so far about 90 delegates were elected
from the Croatian Group, and they are still working to elect more
delegates. He also reported that the ~~xxxx~~ Croatian Fascists had a
Conference in Chicago over the weekend and that [] was sent
to cover the conference -- He had not returned as yet but will be back
in a day or so and I will give a full report.

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[] reported about ten delegates elected from the
Ukrainians mostly from the IWO. He also reported that there would be
five Ukrainians in Pittsburgh for a program on October 20th. They are
now touring in Canada..He asked that all Slav Groups work to make the
October 20th program and meeting a success.

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Matt Cvetich reported that as far as he knew there would be good
representation from the Slovenes. He said that Slovene leaders such as

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speeches/of [redacted] Buchanan and Lawrence. He referred to the
[redacted] letters and Congressman Buchanans and Mayor Lawrence's
speeches at the Serbian Natlional Congress at the Fort Pitt Hotel. He
pointed out that both [redacted] and Lawrence should be given to understand
that if they continue their policy they cannot expect the support of the
progressive forces. ~~ix~~ Tony said they are answering most of this in their
newspaper and further action proposed by Roy Hudson was letters, phone
calls and telegrams to Mayor Lawrence, Congressman Buchanan and [redacted]
Buchanan was especially singled out because of his vicious speech
Saturday night and organization in McKeesport will be told to let him know
how they feel about his remarks.

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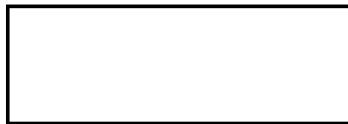
The business of the meeting having been concluded it stood adjourned
at 6:05 P.M.

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Re; Meeting of Communist Party Members at Room 525 Ft. Pitt Hotel on
Friday evening August 30th to discuss strategy for the Amer. Serb.
Democratic Congress held on ~~Sept.~~ Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st. 1946

The following members of the Communist Party met to discuss strategy
for the meetings:



Amer. Serb. Dem. Womens Comm.

Slobodna Rec. -- Here from Canada
four months. dark complected-savage
speaks broken english-- more or less
anxious to keep his presence here
secret.

Nat Einhorn,

Nat. Dr. of Amer. Comm. for Yugoslav Rel.

Matthew Cvetic,

Exec. Secy. for the Amer. Comm for
Yugoslav Relief in W. Pa.



New York City -- works for Amer. Comm
there -- active in Serbian Work for
Party -- former IWO functionary

Slobodna Rec.

The entire program was gone over and it was decided that efforts should
be made to see that funds are turned over to Amer. Comm. If objections are
raised on the floor (and none were expected) then this issue should be
approached with caution. It was further decided that a separate organiza-
tion should be set up and in all probability this should be satisfactory
to all elements represented.

Nat Einhorn instructed Matt Cvetic thier Pittsburgh contact to co-
operate with this committee and to give them full use of the Pittsburgh
Office.

As regards to the pickets which were expect the next day it was
decided that all delegates be instructed to keep aloof from them and not
to permit themselves to be provoked or otherwise engage in any action which
could be the cause of a disturbance.

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[redacted] called Roy Hudson several times in the course of the meeting on Saturday and let him know how everything was progressing.

August 23, 1946

Dear Comrades:

The next regular meeting of the Org-Ed Committee will be held on Saturday, August 31st at 2 P.M. at the District Office.

The agenda will be:

1. Finances
2. Organization Magazine
3. National School

Comradely,

Ray Hudson

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COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
National Office

July 27, 1946

To All State Secretaries:

Dear Comrades:

At our National Committee meeting it was proposed to launch as quickly as possible a magazine to deal with the life and work of the Party. Such a magazine should serve as a medium of exchanging experience, raising and discussing key problems of organization, methods of work, function of the various bodies of our Party; development of mass campaigns, etc.

To guarantee that such a magazine will be fully representative of the thinking of the leadership throughout the country and fulfill the needs our Party faces today, we want to make a number of suggestions to you for your consideration.

1. What do you think should be the name of such a magazine?
2. How often do you think it should be issued, monthly, quarterly, or what?
3. What in your opinion should it contain and center its attention on?

In connection with this latter point we were wondering whether it might not be fruitful to organize a meeting of your Org. Commission, together with other active forces in your main center to exchange ideas on the character of the magazine, what kind of articles it should contain, etc., and send us your collective thinking on same within the next few weeks. On the basis of the combined suggestions from every district we will then hold a meeting of our National Organization Dept. and work out a plan for the content of the magazine on a long range basis.

4. What do you think your district can contribute to such a magazine?
5. What should be the minimum price -- and on that basis about how many copies do you think could be sold in your district?

We would also urge that you exchange ideas on this question with your State Chairman and other leading Comrades in the Districts. Do not fail to give this your careful consideration.

Fraternally yours,
Henry Winston

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on Seminar
of 4 classes
to begin Sept 5, 1946

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Re: Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Lawrenceville.
at office of Amer.Slav Congress 1005 Berger Bldg. Tues.Evening 7:30PM
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[] and Matt Cvetic met to discuss activities for the club and also the agenda for the coming Friday Nights Club meeting.

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To activate the club they decided to set out a pamphlet on the current international situation (Yugoslavia etc) and distribute it in the name of the Communist Club of Lawrenceville. Further they discussed a proposal to have pamphlets printed in Slovenian, Serbian and other languages in the name of the party for distribution.

[] both sold workers (special edition of Sunday 9/1*
[] around Crucible and [] at the Slovenian Hall.

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Matt was asked to assume the finance responsibility of the club and his first job is to talk to every member to find out how much they can contribute to the sustaining fund of the District which is being resurrected.

The business of the meeting having concluded meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Report the following address of New York comrade and her husband

[] is now working for a Greek Relief committee in New York (formerly with the Amer.Comm. for Yugoslav Relief) Business phone: Exchange ??? 7-6744.

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Re; Meeting in office of Communist Party/between Matt Cvetic and [redacted] "Tues. 9/17/46 A.M.

[redacted] to discuss proper action to take at Board Meeting of American Committee for Yugoslav Relief which is scheduled for Tues. P.M. Sept. 17th in office of [redacted]

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[redacted] stressed the following important details that must be worked out at the meeting.

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[redacted] said: Quote: First what is the ~~purpose of the committee~~ purpose of the committee. The committee is a relief organization, it was not formed for political reasons. Regardless of what the government in Yugoslavia does, Politics should not be permitted to enter into the discussion at the meeting. The purposes for which the committee was established are no less urgent now than they were when the committee was organized. Americans will not condone the shooting down of American Airman no matter where it happens so it would be foolhardy to try to justify this. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "Do we want this incident to influence the friendship between the people of Yugoslavia and the people of America - of course we don't we want it continued regardless of the feelings between the governments. Stress the responsibility of America to the people of Yugoslavia - Appeal to their consciences. - Convince the board 1st. that the work must continue. 2 What action if any has been taken on the McKeesport situation (This referred to the Mayor's action in cancelling the Tag Day permit)." Cvetic reported that a meeting was had with the Mayor which did not turn out satisfactorily. -----

[redacted] said: Quote " Position regarding the Mayor should not be hostile.

A delegation from the board should be organized to go out and see the Mayor

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Or a delegation from the Veterans headed by [redacted] could be organized.

people like [redacted] should be asked to organize a

delegation. Action must not stop "- Matt Cvetic reported that at a meeting

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of the Committee at the Croatian Hall in McKeesport they decided to get out petitions asking the Mayor to reconsider his decision." b6
said Quote "If any of the Board Members speak up and say we should discontinue b7C
relief take the position that "How is it going to help any if we inflame the
situation by withholding relief?"

This concluding the business of the discussion they adjourned.

American Committee for Yugoslav Relief --- 9-25-46 Report by [redacted]
Meeting of Board -- Parlor C., -- New Yorker Hotel, New York City
Monday -- 9-23-46 at 5:00 P.M.

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A meeting of the Board was held to discuss:

1. Policy
2. Financial Budget

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At length was discussed an article which appeared in the New York Times on Thurs. Sept. 19th criticizing Zlatko Balokovic's letter which the article called political. A woman who received one of the letters from Zlatko wrote into the Times criticizing the Amer. Comm. and said she didn't want to be part of a committee which was using relief for political purposes.

A resolution was adopted to be sent to the New York Times stating the policy of the American Committee.

The Work of the Relief Committee was discussed at length. [redacted] reported that the Yugoslav Ambassador, [redacted] told him "Quote" "The Yugoslav Government wants its friends in America to give Relief secondary consideration now and that they should give 'Political Action' preference over relief in their activities."

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~~xxxxxxx~~ Nat Einhorn said he just returned from Washington, D.C. and [redacted] char-d-affairs told him the Yugoslav Govt. wants the Amer. Comm. to continue its work and that need still exists.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] from the Yugoslav Embassy also wants relief continued for the time being.

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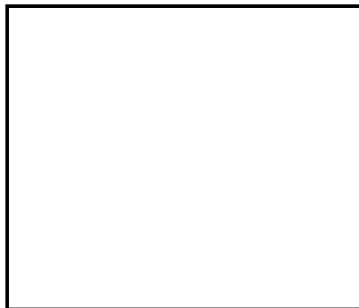
[redacted] got sore about this political discussion and said he was in the committee ~~for~~ to help bring Relief to the people of Yugoslavia and that the discussion was out of order.

The Board voted to write to the Yugoslav Embassy and find out just how they stand on this and what they really want.

The Budget was next discussed and a budget adjustment was recommended to the board cutting the budget 50% to \$140,000. Out of town offices will be discontinued as of Nov. 1st except if they can finance themselves.--
Budget approved--

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Attending the meeting were the following members:



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Nat Einhorn**



N.Y. Director of the Committee

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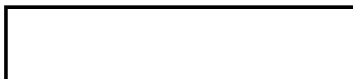
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Matt Cvetic **

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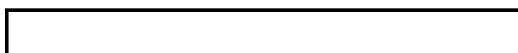
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and 10 or 12 others --

Principal participants were: Einhorn,



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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES IN ~~ELKTON~~ STRIKE.

A meeting was held in the Party office on Wed. Morning with the following participants to discuss activities in the Strike:

Roy Hudson,

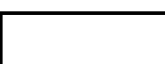


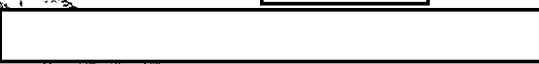
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An impromptu discussion was held on how the strikers can be helped.

 reported that the J & L ~~striker~~ workers at Hazelwood walked out in support of the Electric strikers this morning.

Roy Hudson proposed that ~~we~~ several of our members should intermingle in the crowd and agitate the workers -- We also proposed that the leaders of unions and organizations be called to make a protest of the action of the court in jailing 

 and Matt Cvetic were sent out to observe what was going on and to report back -- especially on the demonstrations which were heard in the building -- find out what the nature of the cheering and the booing.

Matt Cvetic reported back that the Strikers booed  and applauded when someone held up the Sun-Tele showing that the J & L Workers at Hazelwood walked out in support of the ~~Electric~~ ^{Light} Union.

~~The~~ The strike is being carefully watched and analyzed for the purpose of seeing what role the Party can play in influence it.

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Re: []

Have attended Communist Party Meetings ~~xxxx~~ at which subject was present on several occasions in the past three years. These were principally meetings of the Nationality Members of the Party.

Subject is employed in the office of Narodni Glasnik - he is of Croatian Descent -- Age unknown (would say around 45)

He is charged with the responsibility of directing the activities of []^a which is ~~xx~~ Croatian Communist Front Organization located in N.S. Pittsburgh.

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Subject is sallow-complected - about 35" bald - ~~xxxxxxxx~~ combs hair back. Thin-lipped.

Speaks English with a slight accent

Subject is active in the Croatian Council, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, the Croatian Relief Committee, the American Slav Congress and the United Committee of which he is a member in Pittsburgh.

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OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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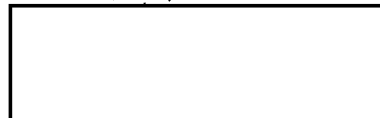
August 28, 1946

Dear Member:

We are calling a meeting of the members of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania at the National Slovak Hall, 516 Court Place, on THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29th, at 8:00 p.m.

Important business relating to the coming national Congress which is to be held in New York City on September 20-22 will be discussed and we strongly urge that you attend this meeting. We also request that you invite to this meeting brothers and sisters in your national group who can make a contribution to this meeting.

Fraternally yours,



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for Western Pennsylvania



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LEO KRZYCKI
President

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Vice-Presidents

A CALL TO SLAVIC AMERICAN YOUTH

TO ALL SLAVIC AMERICAN YOUTH GROUPS:

On September 20-22, the THIRD AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS will be held at Manhattan Center in New York. We expect this important national convention to be attended by about two thousand persons who will represent several million Slavic Americans in various organizations from all parts of the United States.

Fraternal delegates from all the European Slav countries and Latin America will also attend. Among these delegates will be SLAV YOUTH LEADERS from the youth committees of the Slav Countries. These delegates are eager to meet the Slavic American youth of our country.

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At this THIRD CONGRESS, we plan to discuss the formation of a NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SLAVIC AMERICAN YOUTH CLUBS. This affiliated Council would serve as a center and coordinator of Slavic Youth in America. It would unite all Slavic American youth in the fight for peace and security. Through it, our youth would gain an official voice in the national and international youth affairs.

O.S.B.

We are calling upon all Slavic Youth groups to send delegates to the THIRD AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS. We cordially invite you to participate in these plans. There will be a special session devoted to the youth, where they will discuss their problems, and where they will meet personally the Slavic youth leaders of Europe.

We look forward to greeting you at the THIRD AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS.

Fraternally yours

Leo Krzycki, President

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National Executive Office

205 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MEMO ON THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF SLAVIC AMERICAN YOUTH CLUBS.

Dear Friends:

At the last National Committee meeting in Cleveland, the idea of forming a National Council of Slavic American Youth Clubs was brought up and endorsed.

In order to lay the foundations for this council, we are sending a CALL to all youth groups on this question. We enclose a copy for your information.

Among the fraternal delegates to our THIRD AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS will be SLAV YOUTH LEADERS from the various youth committees of Europe. We must greet them with a huge contingent of Slavic American youth.

O.S.B. In order to reach the maximum number of youth, we are calling upon you for assistance. As leaders in your community and national groups you are acquainted with youth groups. We need their names and addresses so that we can communicate with them. We sincerely hope that you will cooperate with us, and send any information concerning the youth that you have, to our office.

As time is short, we would appreciate any help and information that you may have, as soon as convenient. Thank you for your kind efforts and cooperation.

Fraternally,

Leo Krzycki, President

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, IS-c. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PITTSBURGH
C-ONE THIRTEEN ATTENDING MEETING TODAY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF. WILL RETURN SEPTEMBER
TWENTYFOURTH.

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PITTSBURGH, PA
W. Moroney

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
September 16, 1946

MEMO, SAC

Re: 67-2584
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[redacted] were interviewed by the writer and the following information was obtained:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] CP member [redacted] had recently contacted [redacted] and endeavored to sell [redacted]

[redacted] also furnished the writer a letter [redacted] setting forth the purpose of this drive.

[redacted] advised that the North Side Forum sponsored by the North Side CP Club had scheduled an open air meeting at West Park Ball Stand, Pittsburgh, for August 16, 1946. However, due to the inclement weather approximately 40 persons were present and due to the poor attendance the meeting was canceled. This meeting had for its program the OPA, and [redacted] Pittsburgh

[redacted] Chapter of the Congress of American Women, was to have been a speaker.

[redacted] gave [redacted] a petition to [redacted] the Decontrol Board, Washington, D. C., requesting her to have same signed and returned. [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that JIM DOISEN had telephonically contacted [redacted] and requested her to distribute leaflets on the OPA at the H. J. Heinz Plant, N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa., that same afternoon. Further, DOISEN requested that [redacted] appear as a speaker at the meeting of the North Side Forum on the evening of August 23, 1946, to speak on the OPA from a woman's viewpoint. [redacted] declined to accept this invitation to speak.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] of the AF of L Union at the H. J. Heinz Plant, N. S. Pittsburgh, is a close friend of [redacted] of the AF of L Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union and a known CP member. [redacted] stated that [redacted] who was formerly a bitter red-baiter, is now closely associated with [redacted] a CP member of the North Side Club, who has recently been re-employed [redacted] further stated that some of the members of the AF of L Union at the Heinz Plant want to merge with the CIO Union at the Campbell and Woods Co., Carson Street, Pittsburgh, while others oppose this merger. An executive board meeting of the N. S. CP Club has been called to discuss this merger. (2)

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[redacted] stated that recently [redacted] contacted him and wanted him to obtain a new motion picture projector for the use of the North Side CP Club as the one they presently have is worn out. [redacted] advised [redacted] that the motion picture machine would cost \$550 and that he did not know how this amount of money could be raised. However, later [redacted] contacted [redacted] and had on his person between \$800 and \$900 to purchase the machine; however, [redacted] was [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] and JIM DOISEN then contacted [redacted] the Motion Picture Machine Operators Union, and [redacted] informed DOISEN that if they did not use a union operator in the showing of motion pictures at the North Side Forum that he [redacted] would picket the forum in protest. At first DOISEN refused to go along on this point and he and [redacted] then contacted a [redacted] 9th St., c/o Visual Art Film Co., who formerly was associated with the IWO and who is believed to have finagled money from the IWO. [redacted] advised DOISEN to use a union motion picture operator and DOISEN accompanied by [redacted] recontacted [redacted] and decided to go along with the union and in the future use union operators.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (phonetic) who formerly had been employed [redacted] had recently told him that he had heard [redacted] talking about Communism and that he wants to know more about this subject. [redacted] said there is really something to Communism. [redacted] is presently working for [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that during the recent "Daily Worker Drive" he had worked with [redacted] and MATT CVETIC in the soliciting of funds throughout the city of Pittsburgh. [redacted] stated that this group usually worked in pairs and that he accompanied by [redacted] contacted the head chef at the 7th Avenue Hotel, who is an Italian member of the CP and who formerly was a member of the [redacted] Society of the CP in Italy. [redacted] also advised they then contacted [redacted] who upon the insistence of [redacted] contributed [redacted] to the "Daily Worker". They then contacted the [redacted] where a donation of [redacted] was received from the owner and a second-hand jewelry shop owned by [redacted] which is next store to [redacted] who contributed [redacted] to the "Daily Worker Drive". [redacted] stated that in one week's time they collected \$425 and in all collected approximately \$2500 for the "Daily Worker Fund Drive" [redacted] stated that [redacted] also contributed [redacted] to the "Daily Worker Fund Drive" and [redacted] near [redacted] Bakery, also contributed money to the drive to [redacted] Near [redacted] Bakery also contributed financially to the Drive. GALOMB Paint and Glass Co., all of whose employees are Communists or Communist sympathizers, had contributed heavily to the drive.

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[] stated that, to the amazement of [] stopped at the Office of the "Catholic Observer" but instead of asking for a contribution to the "Daily Worker Fund Drive" used another pretense with the management.

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[] stated that [] suggested that they stop to see Commando [] at his service station on the North Side but [] opposed this suggestion.

[] stated that at the meeting of the North Side Forum sponsored by the North Side Club of the CP scheduled for August 23, 1946, the topic for discussion would again be price control and that the meeting of the North Side Forum scheduled for August 30, 1946, would have as its speaker [] who will speak on Socialism.

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[] advised that [] is presently working out of New York City during the summer months in the Merchant Marine. [] remarked that he used to work hard as a Merchant Marine when he was employed as a cabin boy. He stated that formerly it was difficult to secure a position during the summer months as a Merchant Marine as the wealthy people used to have their sons work during the summer months for the experience; however, now the wealthy people do not desire their sons to engage in this type of work.

[] advised that discretion should be used in future contacts with them as [] a CP member, is [] [] advised that he was unable to recall [] married name but her husband is employed [] However [] [] stated that there is no objection to contacting them at their home in the early AM.

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[] stated that recently he had engaged in a discussion with JIM DOISEN, [] at the headquarters of the CP, Pittsburgh, and in the discussion []

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[] stated that the CP at the present time is concentrating on work among the trade unions and that a committee composed of [] has been formed and the purpose of this committee is to mingle with the persons in attendance at outdoor meetings and to inveigle them into stopping into the CP Headquarters for the purpose of recruiting them into the CP.

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[] stated that at a meeting of the North Side CP Club on Sunday, August 18, 1946, ROY HUDSON discussed a protest letter which had been sent by the CP to Governor MARTIN which attacked the extradition case of [] a negro, whom they are endeavoring to extradite from Pittsburgh to Georgia. In this resolution, Governor MARTIN was also attacked for the recent speech which he gave before the 10th Infantry Division, in which MARTIN attacked Communism. An attack was also made on Senator BILBO who was an acknowledged member of the KKK.

[] stated that [] is presently working at [] and boasted of the fact recently that he had secured a subscription for the "Daily Worker" from one of the employees.

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[] stated that [] had a discussion with [] and JIM DOISEN on [] at the CP Headquarters [] and that []

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[] stated that at the meeting of the North Side CP Club on Sunday, August 18, 1946, that [] remarked that when the depression comes people like us will be behind bars. [] also attack [] and accused him of being anti-semitic. [] according to [] are to devise a leaflet which is to be approved for distribution by the CP.

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[] further advised that as yet he has not joined any veterans' organization but that he is awaiting further instructions along this line from [] He stated that they do not want him to join the American Veterans' Committee inasmuch as this organization is considered too liberal. [] however invited [] to attend some of the AVC meetings, although [] stated that [] would probably not enjoy them as they are uninteresting meetings.

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[] also stated that [] are of the opinion that the rank and file members of the AVC will eventually rise up and assert themselves and make a denial that they are Communists or are even lined up with Communists. [] stated that [] want the veterans who are Communists to become members of the various veterans' organizations, for example, a veteran of foreign wars is urged to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars; a veteran who has no foreign service is urged to join the American Legion.

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[] stated that the CP attitude toward the Catholic war veteran is that if a Catholic is a member of the CP then he should join the Catholic War Veterans; however if a Catholic war veteran is not a member of the CP then the CP wants no parts of this individual as they run around with a prayer book in their hands listening to the Catholic priests who attack Communism because they have a good thing and do not want to lose it.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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MEMO, SAC:

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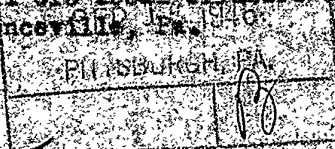
[redacted] advised that an [redacted] meeting of the Lawrenceville CP Club was held this evening in Room 105 Sakowill Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. This meeting was attended by practically all [redacted] of this Club. The following were in attendance:

[redacted]

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and arrange the regular meeting which originally was to be held on August 23, 1946 but due to a meeting of the Steel Commission of the CP of Pittsburgh having been arranged for this date at the call of [redacted] of Homestead, Pa., the meeting scheduled by the Lawrenceville CP Club was postponed until the 30th.

At the evening meeting a very large agenda was arranged for the meeting of the 30th. The agenda is as follows:

1. A report from the Steel Commission meeting.
2. A plan to involve the Lawrenceville CP into the Women's organizations, possibly the Women's Congress.
3. A proposal to issue about 5000 leaflets attacking the Fascist clubs such as the KKK and similar organizations.
4. Rinking Fund for the Club.
5. The sale of the new booklet entitled "Problems of Organized Labor Today" by WILLIAM S. FOSTER. [redacted] proposed that not less than 100 of these booklets must be sold by the membership.
6. Plans to obtain petitions on behalf of one [redacted] (Negro) whose case is to be heard in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court next month. This [redacted] is a negro who escaped the chain gang in Georgia and is to be returned provided the Supreme Court upholds Governor MARTIN.
7. A plan to obtain a list of all CIO local officers at the CIO Headquarters in Lawrenceville, Pa.



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8. A plan to become involved in community work in the Lawrenceville District.

The above proposals were presented by [redacted] and they were widely discussed before same were adopted to be presented at the regular meeting scheduled for the 30th.

The question of the following employee of the Crucible Steel Company (Park Works) was given a long discussion:

[redacted] demanded to know what the Crucible Steel Mill Communists were doing in that no more has been heard about their recruiting work which work the Lawrenceville Club was supposed to handle. [redacted] then reported that due to some check up in the plant the Communist program there was "lying low" for the time being but that a list of names of persons who are friendly towards the CP will soon be released, possibly at the Steel Commission meeting and the most active members of the Lawrenceville Club will be requested to get out and visit those prospects with a view of signing them up as recruits to the CP.

Two other questions were proposed at the evening meeting. One was the ordering of a bundle of the special Labor Day issue of the Sunday Worker. It was decided to order 50 copies for the Lawrenceville Club. [redacted] was placed in charge to see that these Workers are correctly distributed. The other question was the lagging subscriptions to the Sunday and Daily Worker in the Lawrenceville District. [redacted] who has been vacationing in New York was blamed for the lagging situation and [redacted] remarked that another subscription representative for the Lawrenceville Club will have to be elected and [redacted] released. This question is to be discussed and acted upon at the next Communist City Council meeting.

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Special Agent

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DATE. PITTSBURGH CNDI C-113 IS MATHEW CVETIC. HE WILL TELEPHON-

ICALLY CONTACT AGENT H. W. LITTLE OR UPON HIS

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[REDACTED] PITTSBURGH C DASH ONE THIRTEEN.

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DAY. PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT DUE TO NECESSITY OF
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DETAILED REPORTS TO NYFD. ACCORDINGLY THEIR DETAILED
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TO THE NYFD IN ORDER THAT THIS OFFICE CAN SUBMIT AN OVER-
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RETEL PITTSBURGH SEPTEMBER TENTH. THIS OFFICE DESIRES SERVICES OF PITTSBURGH INFORMANT IF POSSIBLE TO ASSURE ADEQUATE COVERAGE OF CONGRESS. IF AUTHORITY GRANTED, INFORMANT SHOULD CONTACT AGENT H.W. OR [REDACTED] THROUGH NY OFFICE ON ARRIVAL.

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, IS-C. PITTSBURGH ONDI C-ONE THIRTEEN IS
A DELEGATE TO THE THIRD AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS HELD IN NYC SEPTEMBER
TWENTY, TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO. SINCE HE IS ALSO EXECUTIVE SEC-
RETARY OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF YUGOSLAV RELIEF FOR WESTERN
PENNA. AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ALL THE SLAV CONGRESS LEADERS,
AS WELL AS THE LEADERS OF THE NATIONALITIES COMMISSION OF THE COM-
MUNIST PARTY, IT IS BELIEVED HE WOULD BE A VALUABLE INFORMANT FOR
THE BUREAU DURING THIS CONGRESS. IF THE NEW YORK OFFICE WISHES
HIM TO ATTEND THE BUREAU AND PITTSBURGH OFFICE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED
AND INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN AS TO HOW HE CAN CONTACT AGENTS
OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE. IF BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GIVEN FOR HIS AT-
TENDANCE HE WILL SPEND FIVE DAYS IN NYC CONFERRING WITH YUGOSLAV
AND COMMUNIST LEADERS. HIS EXPENSES WILL AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY
TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND A DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT WILL BE SUBMITTED
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Roy Hudson, Matt Cvetic and Tony Minerich sat in Roy's office on Tuesday afternoon around 5:00 P.M. to discuss the work on the Slav Congress. Also they discussed ~~xxxxxx~~ what action to take to fight back against the propaganda (anti-Yugoslav and anti-Russian propaganda) which is sweeping the city. Roy proposed that ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ perhaps we should organize ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a campaign around the recent statement of the McKeesport Mayor turning down Yugoslav Tag Day. Was interested in knowing what if any Americans (other than of Yugoslav Descent) could be gotten to issue a statement. While they were discussing this Roy Hudson CALLED THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND ASKED FOR GENE ** HE BRIEFLY ASKED GENE IF HE HAD ANYTHING HE COULD GIVE IT TO [] WHO IS IN NEW YORK IF NO ONE IS COMING THROUGH (PROBABLY THROUGH PITTSBURGH) THIS WAS ALL TO GENE (POSSIBLE GENE DENNIS) HE THEN ASKED FOR [] AND HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH HER. ** TOLD HER [] WAS IN NEW YORK.

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In discussing the Slav Congress Roy stressed the importance of getting more delegates -- Tony and Matt reported about 300 delegates so far and also reported that arrangements are under way to have special cars on the prr -- leaving pittsburgh at 10:25 Daylight Time (9:25 P.M. Standard Time) Thursday Sept. 19th. According to Tony, He received a call from [] today and said that there is plenty of housing available in New York. They also discussed [] and all felt that every effort must be put forth to get him working in the Slav Congress. Tony said he had already discussed this with []

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So far the Croats have over 100 delegates -- the Slovaks around 25 with scattering support from the other groups. All are expected to report at the next meeting of the Slav Congress on Thursday Night.

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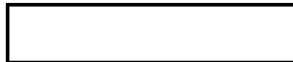
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Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party of WPa.

Meeting Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 7th. 1946 at 2:00 P.M.

The Committee met with the following present:



Matt Cvetic,



Roy Hudson was out of town -- he returned just as the meeting terminated.

The Agenda:

Finance Committee

Recruiting Drive

Miscellaneous.

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A finance committee is being set up with [redacted]

[redacted] and members tentatively include Matt Cvetic, [redacted]

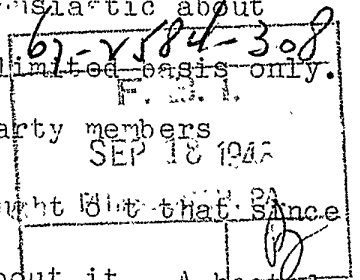
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[redacted] Plans for Ben Davis Meeting were discussed as were the work of the finance committee which according to discussion will be responsible for the entire finance structure of the district such as budget, meetings, affairs etc. Part of their work will be discussing with clubs their financial problems and working out ways to solve them.

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[redacted] read the report from the meeting of the National Exec. Committee which proposes a recruiting drive to be carried on from Sept.

5th to Jan. 1, 1947. The Org-Ed. Committee wasn't too enthusiastic about this proposal having decided to carry on recruiting on a limited basis only. Special attention was given to the integration of those party members recruited in the recent drive -- in discussion it was brought out that since this was brought up six weeks ago nothing much was done about it. A heated



discussion took place between [] on whether this problem should be discussed at Section Meetings which [] proposed or Club Meetings as proposed by []. The Meeting voted that it should be discussed at Club Meetings. b6 b7C

[] proposed that a Meeting celebrating the 27th Anniversary of the Communist Party be held sometime this month and that Max Weiss or some one from the National office be invited to participate. The committee voted that such a meeting should be organized if possible for the last week in September.

THERE WAS A VISITOR SHOWED UP AROUND THREE O'CLOCK WHO MIKE SANDERS SAID WAS A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AYD IN NEW YORK STATE. NAME UNKNOWN.

It was also decided that at the next meeting Organizational problems relating to the Org-Ed committee be taken up. The purpose being ~~xxx~~ that there seems to be some people on two or three committees and they can't do their work right being on too many committees. As the set up now stands and it looks like the permanent fixture the Organization Committee and Educational committee lines up something like this:

Finance Committee -----
Membership Committee---
Press Committeee -----
Educational Committee--



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This looks like the permanent set up.

The committee does not have authority to do anything but make proposals. It discusses problems and makes proposals on which the Bureau which meets on Wednesday nights acts. Otherwise its ~~xxx~~ purpose is to carry on the actual functional work ~~xxx~~ of their respective committees. In other words this committee cannot legislate for the party.

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American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.
Treasurers Report as released by [Redacted]

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Copies of the Treasurer's Report together with the Report on
the Slav Congress Banquet held at the Wm. Penn Hotel in April are
attached.

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September 4, 1946

Dear Comrade:

The next meeting of the Org.-Ed. Committee will be held Saturday
September 7 at 1:30 P.M. at the District Office. The agenda will be:

1. Minutes
2. Finances
3. Recruiting
4. Nov. 10th mass meeting

The meeting will start promptly at 1:30 P.M.

Comradely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Communist Party of W.Pa.

Finance Committee.

[redacted]

On Friday afternoon [redacted] and Matt Cvetic met in the office of Roy Hudson to discuss Finance Plans for the Balance of the Year and also the responsibilities of the Finance Committee. RMS
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[redacted] asked Matt if he would serve as a regular Member of the Finance Committee and after some discussion Matt said he felt he could give the time to this committee.

According to [redacted] the Committee's responsibility will deal with Fund Raising in the district and setting up the Budget. b6
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The following projects are being considered and [redacted] and Matt discussed them:

1. November Meeting at which Ben Davis would speak. [redacted] said that we want to set a goal of raising at least \$750.00 at this affair from tickets and also to raise a collection from each club. [redacted] pointed out that all the clubs who have not as yet fulfilled their quotas should be requested to do so at this meeting by a sizeable contribution. b6
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2. Sustaining Fund. A sustaining fund which will be handled by the district and through which ~~xxxxxx~~ money will be solicited from party and non-party people who are not readily contacted through the clubs. These people will be contacted for a regular montly contribution according to [redacted] b6
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3. Fund Raising Events -- At least three every year. These will consist of
- a. New Years Eve Party
 - b. Pinnic in the Summer
 - c. Fall and Spring meetings.

4. Then Special projects such as Movies, Parties, Corn Roasts etc. must be organized. The movies mostly will be a district wide function but clubs should be encouraged to raise money by having parties corn roasts dances etc.

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parties corn roasts

[redacted] pointed out that \$35.00 was made by the East Pittsburgh Club on a Corn Roast they just held recently and in addition they had \$18.00 worth of whiskey left over which was clear. b6 b7C

In discussing New Years Eve Party Matt suggested that we might be able to get the Slovenian Hall for a Party. He suggested that we could hold a dance in this Hall. [redacted] ~~was~~ was not too enthused about this place after Matt told him the Slovenian Hall would not permit them to sell whiskey as they have a license and bar of their own. But Matt pointed out that money could be made with a dance in this Hall and other profit could be realized from Food and maybe a ~~xxxxxx~~ Lottery Wheel. Matt is to find out if the Hall is available. b6 b7C

[redacted] said that in addition to the subsidy from the National Office it will be necessary for us to raise around \$750.00 a month to meet current Party obligations. [redacted] also said that we cleared \$5000.00 from the raffle and picnic which we held this summer. b6 b7C

Matt said he would be willing to accept this responsibility as they are not too busy at the Relief Office and was very enthusiastic about the entire program.

The "Ben Davis" Mass meeting is scheduled for November 10th.

This concluded the discussion.

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American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

Meeting of Nationality Commission of the Communist Party

Office of the IWO Columbia Bldg. - 4th Ave. ~~Monday~~ Tues 8/27/46

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Members of the Nationality Commission met with Steve Nelson
leader of the NC of the CP on Tuesday evening at 8:00 P.M. to discuss
work in this area for the coming National American Slav Congress.

The following participated --

----- Ludovy Dennik

Anthony Minerich -- Narodni Glasnik

Steve Lohan -- Narodni Glasnik

----- Slobdona Rec
----- Slovak IWO
--- Ukranian IWO

Matthew Cvetic ---- Amer.Com for Yugoslav Relief.

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Roy Hudson ----- Chairman--CP of W.Pa.

----- --- Polish IWO

----- --- (Came in with Makushenko & Kowalski--
carried Cain--- around 58 yrs old.)

Steve Nelson ---- Nationality Commission -- CP.

----- Narodni Glasnik

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Those present gave reports on number of delegates elected in
this district so far to the congress.

Croatians lead with around 75 -- The overall total so far is
around 150 elected delegates. The majority of those elected are
from CFU lodges and IWO lodges; ~~plus~~ others are from progressive
slav front organizations.

Steve Nelson reported that the National F

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was very much interested in the success of the Congress --- His present trip which he is just completing after touring the Western Cities had to do with mobilizing the Communist Party members in the drive for delegates to the Slav Congress. He stressed the importance of dramatizing the Congress by ~~xxx~~ giving publicity to the visiting delegates from the Slav Countries and the Latin Americas.

He further state that the Communist Party nationally is placing so much importance on the American Slav Congress that the Nationality Commission of the Party in New York is holding (that is the national body) a meeting there on Wednesday 8/28 and that the National Board of the Communist Party will meet on Thursday 8/29 to discuss the American Slav Congress.

He reports that St.Louis is sending 15 delegates, that Chicago has already elected 35 delegates.

He also emphasized that the National Office expects at least 500 delegates from Pennsylvania.

To plan the work for the Congress Steve Nelson and Roy Hudson both had some proposals.

Roy Hudson stressed the necessity of a full time functioning secretary for Western Penna. and if necessary take someone from their present assignment and assign them to this work -- He feels the American Slav Congress is ^{very necessary} ~~that important~~ and that ~~it will~~ he also felt it will grow in importance.

Steve Nelson stressed the necessity of the Amer.Slav Congress in the peace movement. He proposed that a Committee be set up in the Communist Party to plan the work for the next three weeks so the following were assigned:

Anthony Minich Matthew Cvetic

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After further discussion it was decided to call a weekly meeting of this committee every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. in the office of the IWO.

Next it was decided to call a meeting of the American Slav Congress Committee and delegates (elected) to a weekly meeting every Thursday night and these meeting will be held in the Slovak Hall starting this Thursday. August 29th.

The business of the meeting having been completed the meeting stood adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Report by [redacted]

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re: STEVE NELSON - Nationality Groups Dir. of the Communist Party

On Monday August 26th Steve Nelson met with the Serbian Communist Party members to discuss plans for the coming American Serbian Democratic Congress which is scheduled for Sat. Aug. 31st. and Sunday ~~xx~~ September 2nd.

He also met with Roy Hudson in the office of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Bldg. on Monday afternoon - late.

Tuesday Morning August 27th he had a meeting with Matt Cvetic in the office of the Amer. Comm. for Yugoslav Relief on Slovene Problems and they discussed specifically three things:

1. American Slav Congress
2. The Yugoslav Relief
3. The Slovenian Communist Party

Matt gave a report of the situation on all Three. He told Steve that there will probably be as many as a 1000 delegates from Western Pennsylvania. He also suggested that we think in terms of financing full time Secretaries in the leading districts such as Phil. Chicago, Detroit etc for the Slav Congress to co-ordinate the work of the Congress otherwise ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ all the efforts would be wasted. Steve suggested that Matt proposes his ideas at the Nationality Commission meeting which is scheduled for tonight at the office of the IWO.

On the Relief question Steve suggested that efforts to continue Yugoslav Relief must go on in spite of all anti-Yugoslav propaganda.

In discussing the Slovene problem of the Slovene Communist Party Steve was disappointed because nothing hasn't been done on the decisions reached at the Cleveland meeting. He felt it was a mistake to leave the responsibility in the hands of the Cleveland Congress.

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and suggested that Matt get in touch immediately with [redacted] and also to write to the leading Bureau members of the Slovenian Communist Party and let them know what happened. He also suggested that steps be taken immediately for Matt to resume the leadership of the work until such a time as a meeting can be held of the Party Members which Steve proposes should be sometime during the American Slav Congress sessions in New York which are scheduled next month and where most of our party people will be.

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Steve Nelson also suggested to Matt that he make an effort to contact Zore from the Yugoslav Embassy and get his views on certain problems and that he would be glad to discuss them with ~~XXXX~~ you.

Steve Nelson further proposed that Matt immediately check up on the work of the various comrades.

On the SNPJ Convention Steve Nelson said two new people were elected to the Board (Young People)

He said (Steve Nelson) that the Soviet Union is sending six delegates to the Slav Congress and Yugoslavia is sending twelve - He further proposed that meetings be organized for the Yugoslav Delegates in leading cities and with some exceptions should be limited to meetings amongst Yugoslavs through Fraternal, Social and Political ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Organizations such as SNPJ, Croatian Council SANS etc.

Steve Nelson left at 10:00 A.M. to attend a meeting with [redacted] [redacted] at 10:00 A.M. Tonight there will be a meeting of the Nationality Commission with Steve Nelson - He expects to leave town tonight.

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He proposed a meeting of Slovene Communist members in New York during the American Slav Congress and that the Slovene Communist together with other Yugoslav Comrades be prepared to give leadership in the Congress to the other delegates from the Yugoslav Panel.

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Steve and Matt had breakfast at [redacted] Mani's - Fourth Ave. at 9:00 A.M. 8/2

Report by []

Aug. 27, 1946

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Re: Leadership Training Class of the Communist Party for members
of all Club Executive Committees.

This class which will consist of a Seminar of four classes will
be led four consecutive Thursdays beginning September 5th at 8:00
P.M. at 440 Wood St. will be instructed by []

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The class will deal with the four following subjects:

A: THE ROLE OF A PARTY CLUB

1. What is meant by the statement "The Party is the vanguard
of the Working class.
2. How can a Party Club fulfill its role of Vanguard.
3. Why is the Club the basic unit of the Party.
4. What is the relationship of the club to the Party
organization as a whole.

B: Concentration and the Building of the Party

C: How a Club Executive Committee should function.

D: How a Club meeting should be organized and club
activity planned.

The letter for the meeting was signed by []

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Cleveland Expenses: Two days.

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Room - Two Days.	\$11.00
Meals - Two Days.	12.50
Taxi, Street Car Expenses. in Cleveland	2.75
Telephone, Telegraph	1.50
Airplane fare to Cleveland,	6.25
Train fare to Pittsburgh.	5.70
Taxi fare at Pittsburgh to and from Air Field and Station -	2.75

Entertainment expenses incurred at

the Slovenian Hall, 64th St. the Croatian

Home, 63rd St., at the Carlton, the

Cleveland, Hotel, the Maxwell House

entertaining, [redacted] 14.75
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[redacted]
[redacted] and others.

Contribution A Meeting 5.00

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TO : SAC, Pittsburgh PERSONAL ATTENTION

jen FROM : Director, FBI

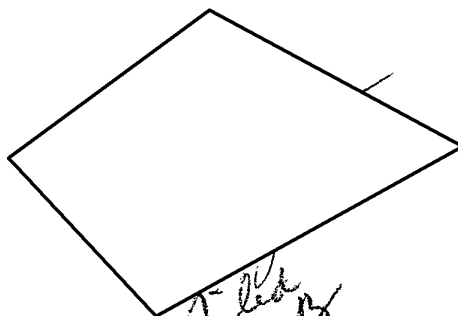
SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC;
Confidential National Defense Informant C-113

DATE: July 26, 1946

Reference is made to your letter dated July 17, 1946, in which you advised that the informant has requested additional remuneration and it was recommended that the salary be increased from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per week effective August 1, 1946.

As mentioned in reference letter, the value of the informant to the Bureau is well known, but in requesting payments to any regular informant a summary should always be provided setting forth the current information of value being submitted by the informant which is the basis for his continuance. In the case of this informant, however, it is noted that a recent letter from your office of June 5, 1946, set forth his current activity as National Leader of the Slovenian American National Council and his connection with the American Slav Congress. Cvetic is well regarded by high Communist Party functionaries and based upon his continued ability to provide extremely valuable information on Communist matters authority is given to pay him the sum of \$60.00 per week on a regular basis for a period of three months, effective August 1, 1946. This increase in compensation to Cvetic should be used by your office as an inducement to him to continue to progress in his contacts in the Party with the object in mind of ultimately placing him on the National Committee.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized period you should submit an informative summary and your personal recommendation concerning the informant's continuance.



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BUREAU AUTHORIZATION LETTER MARCH 15, 1946.

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4/22 to 4/28		50. ⁰⁰					
4/29 to 5/5		50. ⁰⁰			588	5/20	Mooney
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Re: [redacted] 8/4/46-- Report by [redacted]
Representative Federated Republic of Yugoslavia - ---
Represented his Govt. at San Francisco Conference -- U.N. Conference
Goodwill Ambassador to U.S.?????

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The above subject spent three days in Pittsburgh as the guests of the Slovenes in Pittsburgh & Vicinity. ~~where~~ He was the main speaker at a Slovene Day Picnic which was held in West View Park in Pittsburgh. The picnic was attended by about 5000 Slovenes from W.Pa. -- Some 2000 listened to him speak.

He arrived in Pittsburgh on Friday Morning around 5:00 A.M. and stayed in Room 1058 of the William Penn Hotel.

His visitors on Friday were Matt Cvetic who is the Executive Secy. of the Amer. Comm. for Yugoslav Relief in this area and [redacted]

[redacted] of the Slovenian Hall Committee in Pgh. - On Friday evening he attended a dinner in Slovenian Hall. Prominent Slovene leaders were invited some 30 participating in this dinner which was followed by a meeting, in the same Hall where [redacted] gave a brief report and took suggestions on what he should say at the meeting the following day at West View Park. -- Attending the dinner and meeting were such outstanding Slovenes as:

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and others.

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On/Friday afternoon [redacted] Matt Cvetic and

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[redacted] went sightseeing. Heard [redacted] say he was principally interested in seeing the slum districts of Pittsburgh. -

On Sunday ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ he had a morning meeting with [redacted] and Matt Cvetich. He arranged to visit in the course of the day Capt. [redacted] After

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first arranging to go to New York from Pittsburgh Sunday night. He cancelled this arrangement and got reservations on the 8:23 A.M. train to

Washington D.C.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1946

Report on Sunday Morning's Meeting between [redacted]

[redacted] and Matt Cvetic in Room 1058 Wm. Penn Hotel and Child's Restaurant on Fifth Ave.

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Matt Cvetic arrived first and he brought a suitcase and a package which he told [redacted] was sent to his office and which [redacted] asked him (Matt) to bring over to his room this was at 8:58. At 9:02 [redacted] called and [redacted] told him to come up. After some preliminary remarks [redacted] suggested ~~we~~ "We better not discuss anything here as we might be overheard we will go to the restaurant for breakfast and talk there. They went to the restaurant and there they discussed the entire Slovene political situation. [redacted] and Matt appraised him of what is transpiring here in the movement. Specific activities which [redacted] was interested in was the SNPJ Convention and the KSKJ Convention (The former is scheduled for Sept - the latter for August). [redacted] said to Geo. and Matt that [redacted] assured him that the SNPJ convention is being taken care of by [redacted] and others and therefore suggested they spend their time discussing the KSKJ Conventions and what can be done to steer it in the correct political channels. From the discussion [redacted] and Matt pointed out that there were some 45 or so delegates to the KSKJ convention from this district. [redacted] principal interest was to figure out a way to get the convention to pass resolutions which would bind them politically to support the new Federated Republic of Yugoslavia. All three were aware of the fact that this is a difficult job because there are ~~xxx~~ strong clerofascists leaders in the KSKJ Lodges. Suggested actions was decided upon. They decided that [redacted] should draw up ~~x~~ the resolutions on Relief, Trieste and tie in ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ support for New Yugoslavia -- Then they would get [redacted] will do this) [redacted] to sign a letter and send it to the delegates throughout the country. After discussion they thought it would be a good idea to also get [redacted]

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[redacted] and othersto also sign the letter as this way it would carry more weight. It was then decided that [redacted] should visit [redacted] later in the afternoon if possible. In the course of the conversation [redacted] said that he must go to New York, Buffalo, Toronto and Chicago in the near future. He also expects to be at the UN conference in New York next month and also expects to return to Yugoslavia for a brief time sometime in October. And then of course comeback to America. [redacted] and Matt furnished him with names of CP members in Cleveland [redacted] in Brooklyn) [redacted] [redacted] gave him the name of a person in Chicago.

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In the restaurant [redacted] stressed the importance of organizing a Youth movement (Political) amongst the Slovenian Youth and also stressed ~~the fact that~~ the fact that ten or ~~we~~ twelve Slovene Youth organized in a body in every city could do good work (political). They then adjourned to the bedroom and from my listening post there heard them continue discussions around the above.

[redacted] called Captain [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] WAS PARTICULARLY SECURITY CONSCIOUS IN THE COURSE OF THE ENTIRE DISCUSSIONS. WHEN VIBRATION CAUSED A SLIGHT NOISE IN THE CUPBOARD HE WALKED OVER TO INVESTI'ATE. WHEN THERE WAS A SLIGHT NOISE OUTSIDE OF THE DOOR HE WENT TO INVESTIGATE. WHEN HE WAS TALKING TO [redacted] ON THE PHONE AND THE LINE WAS INTERRUPTED HE BECAME VERY WARY. WHILE THE THREE WERE SPEAKING HE TURNED ON THE RADIO SO THEIR TALK COULD NOT BE OV'RHEARD.

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HE ALSO WOULD TURN ON THE RADIO VERY LOUD WHEN HE SPOKE ON THE PHONE HE POINTED OUT TO [redacted] AND MATT CVETICH THAT THEY SHOULD REMEMBER TO DO LIKEWISE IF THEY ARE DOING ANY TALKING IN A ROOM AS THE RADIO WILL DROWN OUT THE CONVERSATION. HE SAID IN WASHINGTON AGENTS TAP THEIR TELEPHONE LINES * LISTEN TO THEIR CONVERSATIONS IN THE HOTEL

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ROOMS AND ~~XXX~~ THEY MUST BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THEIR THINGS AS AGENTS ARE ALWAYS AROUND TO GO THROUGH THEM IF THEY CAN.

FROM WHAT I WAS ABLE TO GATHER FROM HIS DAILY ROUTINE HE GOES OUT ~~XXXXX~~ FIRST THING IN THE MORNING AND MAILES LETTERS AND REPORTS TO HIS CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON. HE DOES NOT MAIL THESE FROM HIS HOTEL. HE GETS NEW YORK TIMES AND OTHER LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS AND CUTS OUT SALIENT ARTICLES REFERRING TO TRIESTE, THE PEACE CONFERENCE AND ANY ARTICLE DEALING WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

HE CARRIES A SMALL BLACK CASE WHICH CLOSES WITH A ZIPPER IN WHICH HE SAID HE CARRIES VALUABLE DOCUMENTS. HE ALSO CARRIES A SMALL BROWN ~~XXXX~~ BAG WHICH ALSO CONTAINS ACCORDING TO HIM VALUABLE PAPERS. IN HIS BIG BROWN TRAVELLING BAG HE CARRIES NOTHING BUT CLOTHES.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING HE HAD [] AND MATT SIGN THREE PENNY POST CARDS WHICH WERE ADDRESSED TO HIS WIFE AND TWO OTHER PERSONS. HE ALSO SIGNED THESE CARDS. HE SAID HE LIKES TO SEND TWO OR THREE CARDS FROM EVERY CITY HE VISITS. (I DON'T KNOW THE REAL ~~XXXXXX~~ PURPOSE OF THIS *IF ANY* AND FROM WHERE I WAS LISTENING I COULD NOT ASCERTAIN IF THIS HAD ANY ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BUT A ~~XXXXXX~~ USUAL POST CARD ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ GREETING MEANING.

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SUBJECT IS VERY CAUTIOUS* CAREFUL AND IS PROBABLY TRAINED IN HIS WORK * IS CONSTANTLY CHECKING TO SEE IF HE IS BEING OBSERVED PHYSICALLY AND IS VERY CAREFUL TO OBSERVE CHANNELS WHICH MAY BE UTILIZED TO OVERHEAR HIM SUCH AS PHONE*WALLS ETC. IS VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT HIS SPEECH AND DISCUSSES CERTAIN MATTERS ONLY WITH "FRIENDS"

In the restaurant he also discussed the possibility of one of their people come here from Yugoslavia to help with a Progressive Newspaper.

Further [] will take care of the SNPJ Crowd - We will work on the KSKJ Convention.

Will elaborate if necessary.

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said in a Restaurant on 4th St. that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has better coverage than the Gestapo. He said they're smart when they want to know somethin about a fascist they call ~~XXXX~~ ~~kkkkk~~ the Communists - when they want to know something about the Communists they call the Fascists. Mentioned several instances when the ~~xxxx~~ FBI office called him for information. Also said they are installing the same filing system in the IWO office that the FBI uses.

On Sunday July 29th

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Said in his hotel room at the Carleton Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio that he used to be a member of the Socialist party until it became reactionary. He said he would join the Communist Party but it would hurt his work and he can do more good without joining the Party. Certain people with whom he works wouldn't like it.

Also talking with Cvetic and Minerich in his room they discussed getting to come to Pittsburgh in September and maybe give him a testimonial dinner.

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IMPORTANT REPORT ** PLEASE NOTE CONTENTS -

MEETING; PICNIC COMMITTEE - LABOR PRESS COMMITTEE * IWO OFFICE
7th Floor Columbia Building 8:30 P.M. Monday evening 7/1st.

The following members of the Communist Party in W.Pa. met to discuss arrangements for the picnic at Hinden Grove Picnic Park in Castle ~~Shannon~~ Shannon:

Matthew Cvetic

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All arrangements such as Music, Entertainment, Sports, Food, Refreshments, Games, Bingo, Auction, ~~and~~ Speakers was discussed.

The Music will be taken care of by Marty Kings Band

Food will be in charge of the Croatians and the Slovaks

Food will be sold at prices which will be high enough so a bottle of beer can be given free.

Sports will be taken care of by the Youth Club

Bingo by the Lawrenceville Club,

Speakers will include a short talk by each member of the Language press and a half hour speech by [redacted] Wash. Correspondent of the Daily Worker.

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Whiskey will be sold by the Croatians and Slovaks from automobiles are out of the way places.

Up to the present time approximately \$1100.00 came in on Raffle Tickets - 6000 of the enclosed Picnic announcements are being distributed.

WHEN THE BODY DISCUSSED ~~THE~~ WHETHER THEY SHOULD SELL WHISKEY OR NOT THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISING CAUTION. [redacted]

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ESPECIALLY REMARKED THAT FEDERAL , COUNTY AND CITY POLICE ALL WATCH

OUR PICNIC * HE SAID AT THE ~~LAST~~ LAST PICNIC SEVERAL FBI AGENTS WERE

THERE * WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL * LATER HE SAID. I GUESS MOST OF YOU

KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR LAST PICNIC * THE FBI TOOK PICTURES

OF OUR PICNIC FROM A HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET. THEN THEY HAD PEOPLE

COME IN AND IDENTIFY EVERYBODY IN THE PICTURES. HE SAID WE GOT THE

WHOLE STORY FROM A STOOL PIGEON WHO WE CAUGHT OUT IN BRADDOCK. HE SAID

WE CAUGHT THIS STOOL PIGEON A COUPLE OF MONTHS AFTERWARD AND HE TOLD US

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THE WHOLE THING HOW THEY TOOK THE PICTURES AND HOW THE FBI HAD HIM
IN AND IDENTIFY THE PARTY MEMBERS. SO WE HAVE TO OPERATE WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE AROUND AND SO WILL
THE CITY AND COUNTY AND STATE POLICE. MATTHEW CVETIC SAID THAT WE
ALSO HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD * HE SAID WE HAD
A PICNIC IN LOCUST GROVE ONE SUNDAY AND AROUND 11:00A.M. Four MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD CAME INTO PICK UP TWO OF OUR MEN AND CLOSED OUR BAR.



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report by [redacted]

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ORG*ED COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CP * MONDAY 7/29
ROY HUDSON'S OFFICE - 6:30 P.M.

Attended by:

Roy Hudson,

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic,

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The first point on the agenda was the Daily Worker - after a report by [redacted] and some discussion it was proposed that [redacted] prepare a report for the District Committee meeting on the Daily Worker. He reported only 205 Daily Worker subs in the district - Roy Hudson said he was under the impression that there were 8 or 9 hundred.

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Next [redacted] gave the membership report which was rather extensive. She reports that there are 22 clubs in the district (W.P.A.) who have some functioning executives - She reported that in a survey approximately 60% of the new members have not been integrated into the party. Her report will be concratized and mimeographed for distribution. -

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She reported further that members of the membership committee

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[redacted] She proposed that [redacted] be elected to replace [redacted]

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on the committee since he is not active. Move approved.

SPECIAL::: [redacted] ALSO PROPOSED A SECOND PERSON WHOSE NAME WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL A GIRL WHO WILL WORK AS MEMBER OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ON CONFIDENTIAL WORK (SECURITY) AUG 5* 1946 ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE BUREAU APPOINT'S A MAN ALSO TO THIS COMMITTEE HIS NAME TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL TO ALSO WORK ON SECURITY. THE

ORG*ED COMMITTEE VOTED THAT ROY HUDSON SHOULD MAKE THE SELECTION

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~~XXXX~~ FOR THE DISTRICT OF THIS PERSON. SO ADDITIONS TO THIS COMMITTEE WHOEVER THEY MAYBE WILL BE CONCERNED WITH SECURITY MATTERS.

Further discussion [] proposed that the three members of Southern Car Wheel and the 5 members in Hazelwood Dist. be formed into one branch and this be a community branch with its principal function concentration work in J & L'S at Hazelwood. [] and a negro by the name of []

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for the Club - It was proposed that the Club be formed and that [] work closely with them.

This concluded the business of the meeting - stood adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Adenda: The Labor Press Committee will be asked to call a Labor ~~Press~~ Conference sometime in September.

Addenda: [] is working on plans for a Women's Conference to be held in the City of Pgh on August 15th.

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Meeting of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress -- Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio Saturday and Sunday, July 27th and 28th. Meeting in the Empire Room. -

The National Committee some 50 strong held their meeting to discuss plans for the September Congress which is scheduled for New York City Principal participants in the meeting were [redacted]

[redacted] Leo Krzycki, National President, [redacted]
[redacted]

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In addition the following were present:

[redacted] Serbian *akron* [redacted], Russian,
[redacted] Slovenian *chi* [redacted] Slovenian. *chi*
Czech, Chicago,, representing [redacted]

[redacted] Bulgarian [redacted] Ukranian, [redacted] Macedonian

----- [redacted] probably polish - Detroit, mich. (Male)

[redacted] Chicago ----- [redacted] Chicago. Croatian friend of Minerich

Matthew Cvetic, Pittsburgh

Anthony Minerich, Croatian-Pgh.

[redacted] Cleveland

[redacted] Polish

[redacted] Croatian,

[redacted] Serbian

[redacted] Detroit,

Elderly Woman from the Luzerne Co. American Slav Congress.

The above were the active participants in the ~~xxxx~~ Meeting. -

Represented were the following cities - New York, Detroit, Chicago, Akron, Ohio. Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, [redacted] F.B.I. *67-2584-295*

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Reports were delivered by [redacted] with

the majority of those present participating in the discussion [redacted] *RMS*

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A wire was received from Zlatko Balokovic expressing his regrets.

[redacted] in his report dealt with the Third American Slav Congress. Arrangements are ~~xxxxxx~~ being made for approximately 2000 delegates to the Congress which will be held in the Manhattan Center. He also went over the various nationality groups with the Croats expecting to have the most. New York State quota is 600, Pennsylvania 500 extending to St. Louis where they have a quota of 15 and the West Coast with a quota of 20.

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Fraternal delegates already were elected from Australia, New Zealand, Czechoslovakia, Canada and -- The Soviet Union is expected to announce that two delegates will come from there and no word has as yet been received from Belgrade. Delegates will come from South America from Buenos Aires I believe.

Stressed the importance of a good attendance.

Leo Krzycki in his report dealt with the role of the Vatican in trying to protect a certain political personage in Europe who was responsible for the death of tens of thousands. He mentioned that this person was a good friend of Pacelli the pope of Rome. He took time to point out in his talk that although the majority of the ambassadors to European countries are Protestant, their entire staffs are Roman Catholic - He placed political significance on this. He said that Brother Gebert would give more on this later -

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And [redacted] in his report dealt with the Catholic question pointing out that we are not fighting the Catholic masses but we are opposed to the political work of the Vatican.

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[redacted] gave a report on what the Slav Youth is doing in New York - she did a lot of bragging of how they get on the NBC Radio with their cultural program and are able to use them for political propaganda by inserting phrases into the program. (She is a paid functionary) They also print the Youth

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bulletin - copies previously submitted. Leo Krzycki complimented her very highly on ~~the~~ her propaganda work.

Reporting for their various committees were, [redacted] for the Serbians, Anthony Minerich for the Croatsians, [redacted] for the Slovenes, [redacted] for the Russians, [redacted] for the Czechs (he represented Muzic) [redacted] for the Ukranians [redacted] for the Macedonians, and for the District, --- [redacted] for De roit, [redacted] for Pittsburgh, [redacted] for Chicago; as ~~xxxx~~ previously reported [redacted] for New York State, [redacted] for the Poles. [redacted] for Cleveland, [redacted] for St.Louis, and the Elderly Woman from Luzerne Co. b6 b7C

Leo Krzycki stressed the political importance of the Amer.Slav Congress and pointed out it is being called three days before the United Nations Meeting on Sept. 23rd. Also stressed importance of having a good congress since we are going to have visitors from other countries.

Tentative committees were set up to start work for the congress, By Laws, Resolutions, Finance Committees of from 3 to five persons being set up. The credentials committee will be selected by the Resident board. b6 b7C

[redacted] reported that they hired a fund raiser for \$85.00 a week and considerable protest was raised from the floor but was passed

It was also decided to call the National Committee to New York ONE DAY AHEAD OF THE CONGRESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOLDING DELIBERATIONS FOR THE CONGRESS THE DAY BEFORE. *

The CONGRESS WILL BE STYLED "WIN THE PEACE" CONGRESS.

Several things stood out in the conference - For one thing, usual Communist pre-meeting planning and organization seemed to be ~~missing~~ missing.

Second the attacks on the Vatican and the Catholic Church seemed to portend a sharper turn to the left than ever before ventured in the open by the Congress.

Third [] had copies of the meeting of the Reactionary Slav Congress which met in Wash.D.C. and attacked this Congress and its makeup.

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Fourth: A budget of \$60,000 for the next year was proposed and accepted.

Fifth: Franklin D. Roosevelt will be utilized ~~again~~ again and his program will be advocated.

Sixth: Discussion on getting paid organizers in the Field and Paid Executive Secretarys was given some attention. [] says the Amer.Slav Congress is here to stay.

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Seventh: Leo Krzycki paid high tribute to [] for the role he played in making the Slav Congress possible. [] said that the Amalgamated paid for Leo's trip to Europe.

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Eighth: The names and addresses of all those attending the meeting were taken by [] and will be on file in the New York Office.

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Honorary President
LOUIS ADAMIC

President
ZLATKO BALOKOVIC

The United Committee of South-Slavic Americans

465 LEXINGTON AVENUE

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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July 21, 1946

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Mr. Matthew Cvetic
A.C.Y.R. Western Penna. Chapter
1005 Berger Bldg.
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

Dear Math:

I expected to hear from you on the film matter but assume you have either forgotten or been too busy. As I told you when we discussed the matter the United Committee has the two films: "LIBERATION OF BELGRADE" and "THE STAR AND THE SAND". We will gladly loan them out to you upon request but naturally expect some remuneration for their use. It is also important to give us plenty of time to make sure the films are available for the requested dates. - The film "LIBERATION OF LJUBLJANA" is the property of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and you can receive all necessary information from them.

Members

STEPHEN LOVEN

ANTHONY MINERICH

[redacted] has not been to New York since our New York and therefore I was unable to give you any satisfaction in this regard.

I assume you have been informed that [redacted]
[redacted] is coming to Pittsburgh instead of [redacted]

Kindest regards,

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PURPOSES

1. To promote the dynamic unity of Americans of South-Slavic descent in order to strengthen the United States and the United Nations in their efforts toward world peace.
2. To encourage Americans of South-Slavic descent to participate fully in all processes to advance political, economic, social and ethnic democracy in the United States of America.
3. To foster in the United States of America an ever greater understanding of the South-Slavic peoples, their history, culture and traditions.

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[redacted] Expense incurred incurred on New York Trip

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Additional expenses incurred during the period of June 27th to June 30th entertaining leaders of the Communist Party, friends and sympathizers working in the Yugoslav movement;

Expenses included are for trips to: Bonat's Restaurant located at 328-330 West 31st St. New York City; to Zimmerman's Night Club in New York City -- expenses at the Pennsylvania Hotel; at Jurich's gathering place for Yugoslav Communists and friends

During this period I was in contact with:

Louis Adamic, [redacted]

[redacted] (West Coast)

Max Weiss, Nat Einhorn Zlatko Balokovic

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[redacted] (Yugoslav Govt.)

[redacted] (Yugoslav Embassy) [redacted] (N.Y.)

[redacted] (N.Y.)

and others listed in report of June 30th.

Expenses:

One Extra Day at Pa. Hotel \$5.50

Meals for one additional day 3.50
(not otherwise recompensed)

Taxi transportation to make time 4.50

Expense at Bonat's 6.75
(Dinner and Liquor)

Expenses at Zimmerman's 8.90
(Late Dinner & L. quor)

Penna. Hotel Bar Expenses & Phone 9.00
(not otherwise recompensed)

At Jurich's --- 4.50

Lunch with [redacted] at Bonat's including Bottle of Wine
(not recompensed otherwise) 4.75

Miscellaneous phone, tips, transportation
and minor expense (4 days) 8.00

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Re: Lawrenceville Communist Club - 7/7/46

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The Lawrenceville Communist Club held a Class in Marxism
Doroth Slome taught the class and the following were present

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[redacted]
Matt Cvetich

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The subject of the ~~xxxx~~ class was: ~~xxxx Difference~~ What
is the difference between Burgeoise Education and Marxist
Education?

The Class was held at the Croatian Fraternal Center on Sunday
Morning - July 7th at 10:30 A.M.

New Members recently recruited in this club included.

[redacted] --
The latter is an employee of [redacted] and will probably be assigned
to that club.

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[redacted] (speeling probably correct was recruited by [redacted])
[redacted]

[redacted] were recruited by [redacted]

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Communist Party Picnic at Linden Grove Park - Sunday July 21st. 1946

The Communist Party Picnic was held at Linden Grove Park with some 800 people participating. The majority of participants were of Yugoslav people, and others came from the Slovak, Jewish, Negro and other ~~American~~ Nationalities.

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On the picnic Committee doing the work were the following:

[redacted]

Roy Hudson, Matt Cvetic, [redacted] and the following helped.

[redacted]

[redacted] was in charge of finances.

[redacted] took general charge of the arrangements at the picnic,

[redacted] worked with [redacted]

[redacted] helped [redacted] on the money,

[redacted] took money for raffle tickets.

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Matt Cvetic was in charge of the Dancing, Refreshments and Bingo.

[redacted] transported some of the stuff to the picnic.

[redacted] helped at refreshments.

[redacted] helped at Bingo.

Others at the picnic -

[redacted] (he sold the Worker at the picnic) - [redacted] Anthony Minerich.

Anthony Minerich was in charge of the Speakers Program and the speakers included Anthony Minerich for Narodni Glasnik, [redacted]

[redacted] for the Ludovy Dennik, [redacted] for Slobodna Rec and

[redacted] for the "Worker".

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Music for dancing was by Marty Kin's Orchestra.

The raffle grossed over \$6900.00 - the car which was honestly chanced off was won by [] from the Narodni Glasnik. He pledged to give the party \$200.00 contribution as a result.

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The car will cost around \$1200.00 and with the deductions for tickets, postage and other expenses the net profit from the raffle alone will be around \$5000.00.

The picnic was also a success both as to attendance and as to money that was raised - The picnic may show a profit also.

The crowd was principally made up of Communists and their friends with a few persons straggling in --

The feeling of the Dist. Committee is that this is one of the most succesful affairs that they ever put on in this district both financially and politically.

[] was at the picnic and so was [] from UE.

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Beer and Whiskey was sold at the picnic on the sly

Others attending the picnic:

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[] (she seems to be pregnant)
[] (she's on vacation

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~~this week~~ from 7/15 to 7/28th. -

Literature was also sold at the picnic. by []

[] and others. -

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[] also helped handle the money.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI, C-113. REURLET JULY SEVENTEEN. AUTHORITY GRANTED

PAYMENT EXPENSES APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS FACUNDOS MEETING AMERICAN

SLAV CONGRESS, CLEVELAND, JULY TWENTYSEVEN, TWENTYEIGHT, SUBMIT

DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND ADVISE BUREAU ALL PERTINENT RESULTS.

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Dear Comrade:

All of us recognize the important role that our literature can play in America today, both in building our Communist Party, and in the fight for peace. Therefore, our District has set up a temporary literature committee to serve until a permanent committee can be established. The temporary committee is composed of the following comrades: Roy Hudson, [redacted]
[redacted]

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We are writing this letter to you as one of those people who has either been elected by your club or temporarily appointed to serve as literature director for your club.

At the start, our newly organized literature department will assume only very limited responsibilities. Our first responsibility will be to make certain that literature is brought to every club meeting, to make sure that it is opened and sold at the meetings; and that all unsold literature is promptly returned.

We know that you will agree that this is not a big job. But today it is a fact that many meetings are held at which there is not a single piece of literature. This means that we are not fulfilling our responsibilities in wiping out the remnants of revisionism; it means that we are failing to give to our members clarity and understanding on current issues; it means that the political education of our comrades is at a standstill. When we think of the problem in this light, we begin to realize the importance of this assignment.

Attached you will find a list of literature that we now have on hand. You can use this list as an order blank. If you are in the city, we suggest that you bring your order into the office personally and get your literature. If you are outside the city, simply send the blank in by return mail and we will send your order parcel post. We urge that you discuss these orders with your club executive or club membership before placing them. A check or money order should accompany all orders, wherever possible.

Of the books and pamphlets listed on the attached order blank, we want to especially call your attention to two items:

1. "War or Peace"--by Eugene Dennis--Price 3¢. We are enclosing a sample of this pamphlet which exposes the war-makers in the United States. This is the pamphlet on which the District will concentrate for the month of July. We suggest that you discuss this pamphlet with the club and place your order as soon as possible.
2. "The Great Conspiracy"--by Sayers and Kahn, with special introduction by Senator Claude Pepper--Price \$1.00--Documented history of international intrigue against Russia. A "must" book in the fight for peace.

We will be glad to answer any questions that you would like to ask or hear any suggestions that you would like to make. Please do not hesitate to drop us a line or to stop in to see us at the office.

Comradely yours,

Literature Committee for District

(25)

Books on Hand in District Literature Department

<u>Books or Pamphlets</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Price</u>
THE GREAT CONSPIRACY	Sayers and Kahn	\$1.00
PEACE OR WAR	Eugene Dennis	.03
SOCIALISM---WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?	A. B. Magil	.10
JULY POLITICAL AFFAIRS		.25
Who Owns America	James S. Allen	.10
Why Negroes Are Joining the Communist Party	Doxey Wilkerson	.03
Meet the Communists	Elizabeth Gurley Flynn	.03
Economic Notes		.10
America's Housing Crisis	Louise Mitchell	.05
The Path of a Renegade	Robert Thompson	.05
(Why Browder Was Expelled)		
The Case Against David Dubinsky	William Weinstone	.30
British Soldier in India	Branson	.40
The Fight for a New China	Mao Tse-Tung	.25
Communist Manifesto	Marx and Engels	.05
Value, Price, and Profit	Karl Marx	.15
Imperialism	Lenin	.30
Problems of Leninism	Stalin	.25
Letter to American Workers	Lenin	.03
What Is To Be Done?	Lenin	.50
Left-Wing Communism	Lenin	.25
Teachings of Karl Marx	Lenin	.25
Young Generation	Lenin	.15
Religion	Lenin	.15
Women and Society	Lenin	.10
State and Revolution	Lenin	.10
Marxism vs. Liberalism	Stalin--Wells Interview	.10
Foundations of Leninism	Stalin	.10
From Socialism to Communism in the Soviet Union	Stalin	.05
Socialism--Utopian and Scientific	Engels	.10
Work Under Capitalism and Socialism	Leontyev	.15
The Nature of Capitalism	Anna Rochester	.35
United Front Against Fascism	Dimitroff	.25
Marxism and Revisionism	Lenin and Stalin	.20
Marxism-Leninism vs. Revisionism	Foster, Dennis, Duclos	.25
Civil War in France	Marx	.25
Housing Question	Engels	.75
Marxism and the National Question	Stalin	1.00
History of the C.P.S.U.		.75

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We suggest that you keep this list on hand so that you can refer to it from time to time as an aid in placing orders.

Below is an order blank that you can tear off and use for your first order:

[illegible]

Address _____

Please place our order for the following:

[illegible]

RE: [redacted]

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At a meeting in the Columbia Bank bldg. heard [redacted] say
that [redacted] now carries a gun. He said this in a discussion
about the money at the pinnic and what steps should be taken to
keep from getting robbed.

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<i>[Signature]</i>

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Re: Picnic & Raffle Committee of the Communist Party

The committee met in the office of the CP this morning at 10:30 A.M. to discuss the Raffle & Picnic with the following attending:

Roy Hudson



Matt Cvetic

(participated later)

On the tickets [redacted] reported that \$1361.00 came in on the Raffle tickets so far - as follows:

E.E. \$79.00

[redacted] \$73.00
66.00

N.S. 40.00

S.S. 10.00

Sq.H. 107.00

Food 75.00

[redacted] 20.00

Prof. 45.00

Youth 20.00

Cruc. 43.00
578.00

City.

Wash. Co.

Wash. ~~XXXX~~ 10.00
Bentleyville 50.00
California 45.00
105.00

Croatians \$20.00
IWO None
Serbians None

New Kensington 70.00
Farrell, Pa. 187.00

Johnstown, Erie and Altoona, Nothing yet.

[redacted] turned in \$9 - she doesn't belong to any Club.

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Croatian Communist Party of W Pa. May 30th. 1946

[] has been in town for a few days and I heard him say that the various comrades ~~xxxx~~ in the Croatian Party have been assigned to recruit for the party in different districts. []

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[] Tony Minerich, [] and the rest have all been assigned a district in W Pa. and they are busy recruiting.

[] said he has recruited ten himself so far and he said that [] has recruited eleven.

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This conversation took place in [] room at the Keystone Hotel Room [] where Pete is staying.

The Croatian Club will have a meeting Monday after work at 1916 East St.

RE: [] YUGOSLAV EMBASSY

A dinner was held in his ~~xxx~~ honor at [] in Southside on Tuesday evening ostensibly sponsored by the United Committee but was really limited to Party members as could be contacted. [] paid him a visit at this residence on Wed. Noon. -

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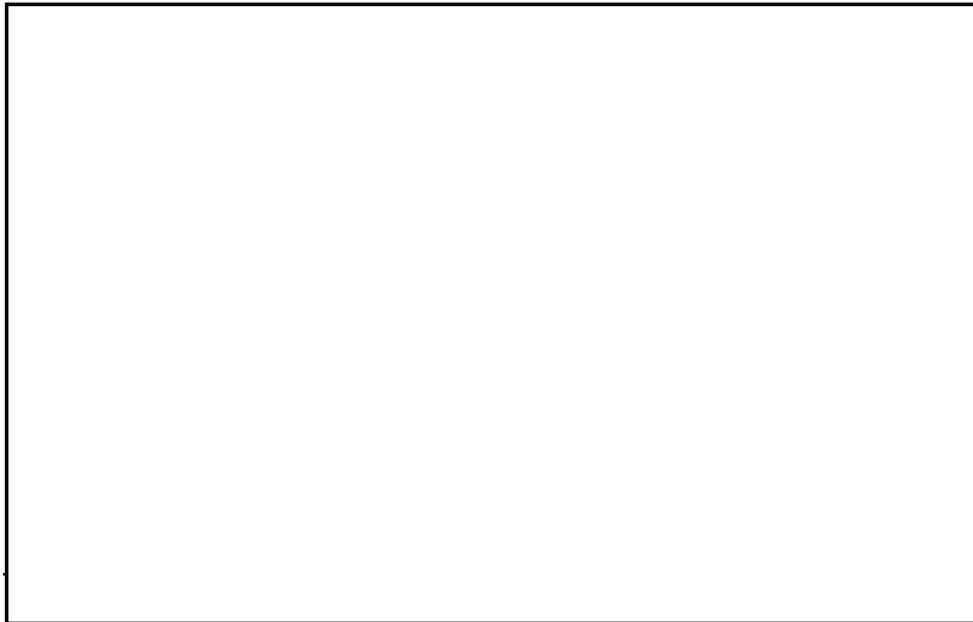
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COMMUNIST PARTY - July 21st Picnic - Committee Meeting -

Wednesday Evening - May 29th at 440 Wood St.

The Arrangements Committee met to discuss plans and to distribute tickets for the Raffle which is being held in conjunction with picnic - The following attended:

Matthew Cvetic, Chairman



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1916 East St.

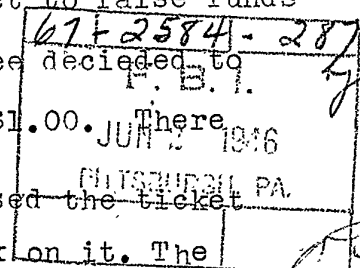
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The chairman introduced [redacted] who reported that the proposed raffle and picnic are a part of the national drive to raise \$150,000 for the Worker - Our quota in the district being \$2500.00. In addition he pointed out it was necessary for the district to raise funds to meet present financial emergency. The committee decided to raffle off a 1947 Studebaker Champion with Tickets \$1.00. There will be no admission charge to the picnic - If we used the ticket as admission he pointed out we would have to pay tax on it. The picnic will be held at Linden Grove Park in Castle Shannon



He also pointed out that it is against the law to send tickets by mail and also to advertise the raffle. The committee will be broadened out to include National ty Groups, the IWO and other labor and progressive groups. A Labor ~~Press~~ Press Committee of non-party and party people will be set up. ~~At~~ Further he suggested that a "50 Club" be set up this would be persons who would sell fifty or more raffle tickets.

Further in discussing the program [redacted] were proposed to be in charge of organizing the 50 Club.

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Dennis, Flynn and Nelson were proposed as speakers for the picnic -

Other committees discussed were Entertainment, Sports, Raffle Booth, Food and Drink, Publicity.

Tickets were distributed as follows:

BOOKS B1 - B100 (10 Books)

Books B101 - B350 (25 Books)

Art Bartl

Books B351 - 450 (10 Books)

Books B451 - B600 (15 Books)

Books B601 - B700 (10 Books)

Books B701 - B800 (10 Books)

Books B801 - B1000 (20 Books)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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June 19, 1946

MEMO TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BUREAU
ORG-ED COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL GROUP COMMISSION

Dear Comrade:

Now that we have started to raise some money and find that it can be done, I want to make sure that all of us know the full financial problem with which we are confronted. If we know what we have to solve, I am convinced that we will all study this problem, and as a result, collectively find the solution and fight to have it carried out.

In connection with the current campaign, I think that the following is the most that we can realistically expect, if we fight like hell:

Profit from the picnic \$2,500 if we sell 4,500 tickets
From the Days' Pay, etc. 1,500

\$4,000

If we accomplish this, then it will mean that \$1,500 will be left after the \$2,500 quota to the Daily Worker has been paid.

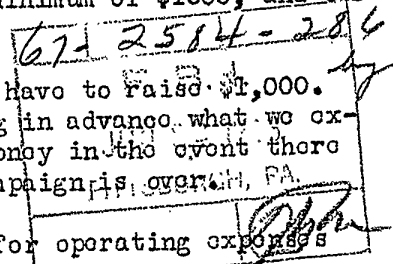
What is the present financial situation in the District? At present the District is broke, and we owe \$98 in back pay. We also owe a \$200 loan that must be repaid next month. What can we expect by way of income between now and the picnic? During the month of July, we will get the regular subsidy of \$100 a week. Two hundred of this will go to repay the \$200 loan. This leaves a balance of \$200 for July. Our only other source of assured income will be from dues which will be insignificant.

We cannot expect anything during the next month from the clubs or sympathizers in addition to the sale of tickets and the Worker collections. Therefore, the way things stand we will have a guaranteed income of two or three hundred dollars to meet the operating expenses for the next month.

What will the operating expenses be? Even if we curtail expenses below our minimum budget, the lowest we can get by on is around \$325 a week. In other words, between now and the picnic we will require a minimum of \$1300, and our estimated income will be at most \$300.

This means that if we are to function at all we will have to raise \$1,000. This sum can either be raised in loans or by spending in advance what we expect to have as the District's share of the raffle money in the event there is a profit of \$1,500 after the picnic and Worker campaign is over. PA.

This means that the MOST that we can expect to have for operating expenses after the picnic is \$500. . if it is a maximum success.



Memo of June 19--Page 2

Furthermore, once the picnic is over, the way things stand now, we will be immediately confronted with the problem of how to raise the funds to meet the budget. This is due to the fact that at present there are no plans nor is there any machinery that can guarantee a regular weekly and monthly income. The reason for this is that our financial plan got started, functioned partially for three months, and since then has completely stopped.

I submit this memorandum now so we will know the problem, and won't be functioning under the illusion that after the picnic we will have a "breathing spell." I do not make any proposals for solution or suggest that we have a discussion at this time. Three things, however, warrant serious thought:

1. We must fight as never before to put over the Day's Pay campaign and the raffle.
2. Those clubs and sections which fell behind on the District quotas in the first half of the year must make plans to fulfill it in the last half of the year. This means that in the last half of the year, we will have to complete the entire quota originally set for the year.
3. We must organize the necessary apparatus that will guarantee the above, and at the same time develop new sources of income beyond that provided for in our original budget.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson

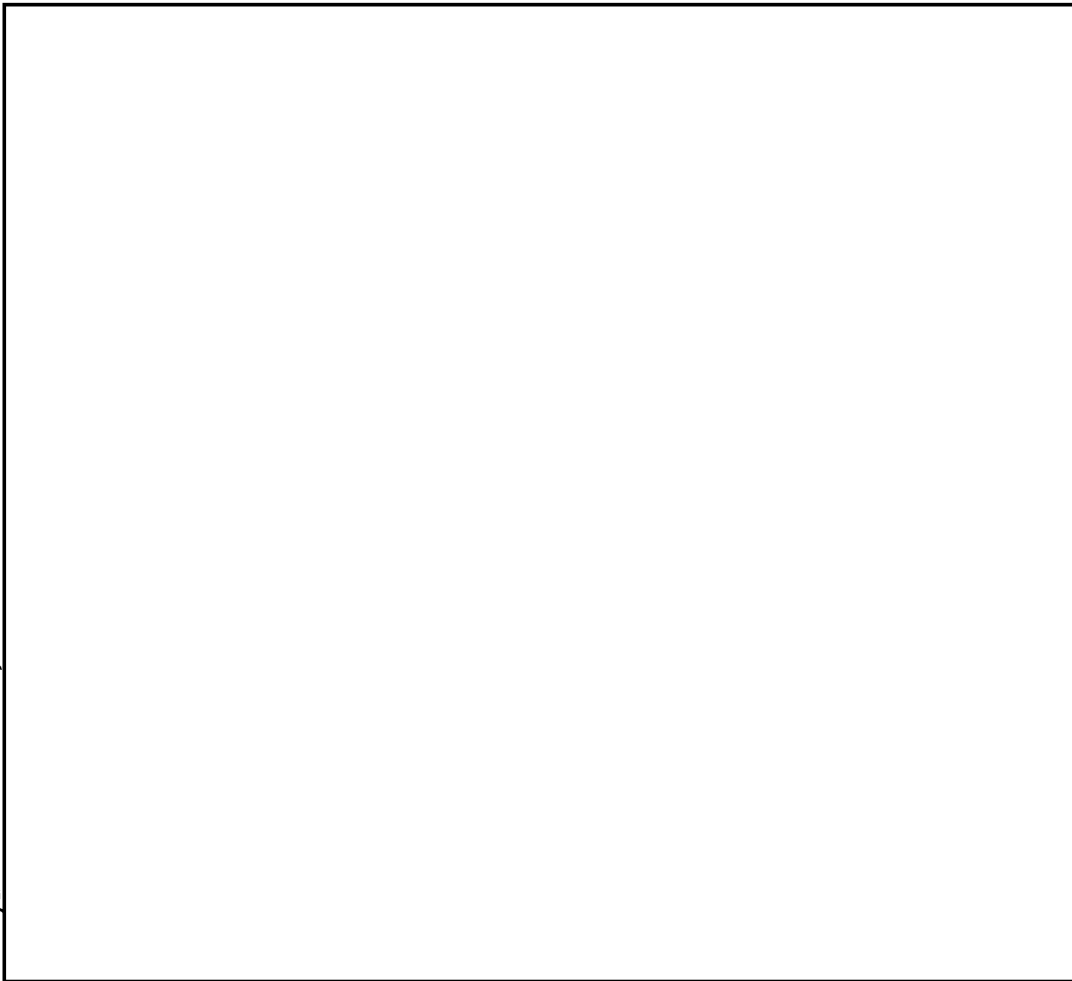
Re: Slovenian Communist Party - 7/10/46

The names herewith are names of Slovenes in the country who have either been members of the Communist Party in the past or who, according to [redacted] are sympathizers. The attached letter regarding address was sent to each of these people to verify their correct address for the purpose of sending them Communist Party Propaganda and action bulletins.

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From [redacted] remarks the ones who are not members ~~are~~ have worked with us and would make the best prospects for recruits.

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A letter from [redacted] from the Yugoslav Embassy is attached and is self explanatory.

Dear Brother:

We want to send out a mailing to you
and to be sure that you receive it, we are first
sending this letter to verify your address.

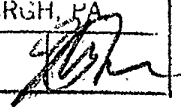
Therefore, please fill out the enclosed
post card giving your correct address so we can put
it on our files.

Fraternally yours,



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PITTSBURGH, PA



July 10, 1946

[redacted]
Embassy of the Federated
Republic of Yugoslavia
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter of July 6th, I have discussed with our Committee your letter and we are changing our program accordingly.

If it is going to be possible for you to be in Pittsburgh a day before the Slovene Day Rally, please let me know as some of our friends would like to discuss some things with you personally.

If there are any arrangements you want us to make for you during your stay in Pittsburgh, drop me a letter and I will take care of them.

The date of our Slovene Day Rally is Saturday, August 3rd.

Please extend my regards to [redacted]
[redacted]

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Sincerely,

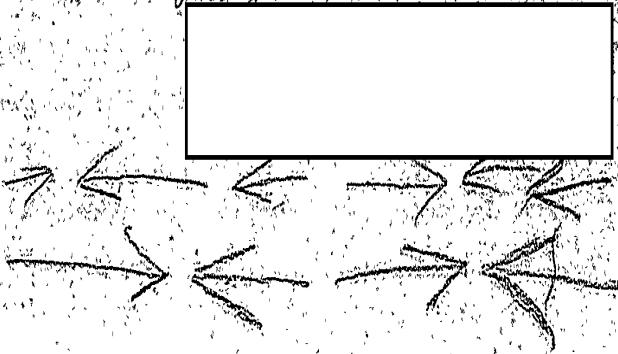
Matthew Cvetic,
for the American Slovene Day Committee

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Kindly tell him that I'll come
to Pittsburg; I was with him
and with major Jones in the
woods for many a month.

Sant pinzue, sootoda ueroh!



Washington D.C.
July 6th, 46

Dear Mr. Coates,

My friend Dr. Fore gave me
your letter of 21st and
proposed me to go to Pittsburg
instead of himself, for many
reasons, first he had already
been in Pittsburg, and then I
just recently came from [redacted]
[redacted] (I left in May). I
accepted, supposing you will
agree, and please confirm it
to [redacted] since I shall not be
in Washington for some weeks.
Should you see [redacted]

Communist Party Office --- 7/8/46

Meeting of the Picnic Committee

The committee composed of [redacted] and Matt Cvetic [redacted] was absent) met to discuss ~~the~~ Picnic Plans and the raffle. [redacted] was also present.

Up to Monday 7/8 a total of \$2248.00 was collected on the Raffle. A Crowd of around ~~\$X~~ 1000 is expected at the picnic.

Routine business was taken up.

Roy Hudson ~~x~~ is on New York this date 7;8 according to [redacted]

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SLOVENIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

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A conference of Slovenian Comrades will be held in Cleveland on Sunday June 16th. Comrades from Cleveland, O., Chicago, Ill. Detroit, Mich. Ecorse, Mich. Pittsburgh, Pa. New York City and Brooklyn N.Y. are expected to attend. Also expected are Steve Nelson and Tony Minerich. - Place of conference not yet set.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO WIN THE PEACE 1309 14th street n w washington 9 d c michigan 8839

Col. Evan's F. Carlson · Paul Robeson, Co-Chairmen

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July 1, 1946

Mr. Matthew Cvetic
President, American Slovenian Civic League
1005 Berger Bldg.
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Cvetic:

The 200 copies of the Declaration of Principles and 200 petitions to Keep the Potsdam Pledge which you requested have been mailed to you.

We have found it necessary to charge a small amount for the petitions, one-cent each for any number under 2500; therefore the charge to you is \$2.00.

We are very happy to have your cooperation on this petition campaign.

Sincerely



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Vice-Chairmen: Bertram Alves · Mary McLéod Bethune · Rabbi Joseph X. Cohen · Bartley C. Crum · Julius Emspak
Clark Foreman · Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman · Robert W. Kenny · Millard Lampell · Leo Kryczki · R. J. Thomas



KEEP THE POTSDAM PLEDGE

U.S. MG Court Lacks Proof, but Sentences 19 Landsberg DPs

AUGSBURG, Germany, May 23.—Nineteen of the 90 Jewish refugees accused of leading a riot against the German civilians of Landsberg on April 10 were convicted yesterday and sentenced to full terms ranging from months to two years.

Five of the defendants had been in Nazi Germany.

A five-man Military Government court in Landsberg yesterday was "no conclusive proof" of the charges.

one who committed an aggressive act.

mul Nussbaum, who was arrested when he was seen throwing a cheese.

A sentence of three months was given Falwel Seligmann, who refused to

from the scene of the disturbance.

Four were convicted of participating in a riot, public disorder, and assault

on troops. The other 15 were convicted of the first two charges.

and convictions were based on the promise that, although most of the

ants were arrested after the violence, they were part of a continuing

Defense counsel (Capt. Abraham Hyman) said the defense would ask for

of the case.

MUNICH UNIVERSITY HOTBED OF NAZISM

Americans Are Called 'Enemy'
Same Instructor as Under
Hitler Teaches Race Theory

S. COURSES SABOTAGED

Those for Allies Intimidated as
'Quislings' or 'Collaborators'

U. S., German Proposals Merged on Denazification

New Plan Awaiting
Clay's OK Leaves Action
Wrong Hands

NAZI VIRUS THRIVES IN AMERICAN ZONE

German Democrats Hounded,
Racism Taught by a Cabal
Aiming at Resurgence

Nixon Says Moguls Who Aided Hitler Are Thriving

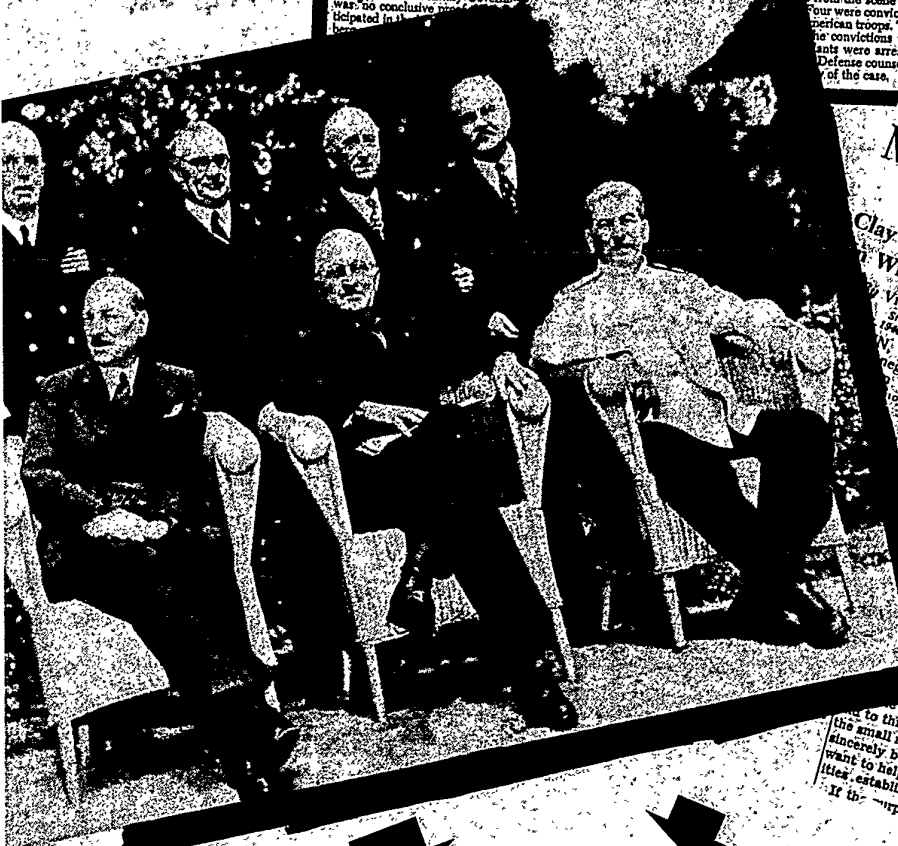
Testifies USMG

Lacks Staff Willing and
Able to Denazify

BY JAMES A. WECHSLER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Ger-
man industrial and financial leaders
who acted as full accomplices of
the Nazi regime are escaping prose-
cution and rebuilding their "indus-
try."

U. S. zone from May through I
cember, checking up on denazifi-
cation. We constantly saw officials in
on the part of MG officials in
field to anyone who came di-
rectly from higher headquarters to
force Gen. Eisenhower's denazi-
fication directives. More than one
official inquired whether our
were of the Jewish faith.
they could understand no
reason for an interest in dena-



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ADDRESS

Signed petitions must be returned to the National Office, or to your local WIN THE PEACE COMMITTEE not later than July 15, 1946, in order that they may be presented to President Truman on the anniversary of the signing of the Potsdam Agreement.

This petition circulated by the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO WIN THE PEACE, 1309 14th Street N.W., Washington 9, D. C.
Co-Chairmen: Col. Evans F. Carlson, Paul Robeson.



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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO WIN THE PEACE - 1309 14th St WASHINGTON DC

I AM CONFIDENT AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL RESPOND TO A WIN THE PEACE PROGRAM WHICH HONESTLY AND FEARLESSLY PRESENTS FACTS AND WHICH IS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION

EVANS F. CARLSON

FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

5 things you can do TODAY to help win the peace

1 If there is not already a Win the Peace Committee in your community, start today to establish one. The National Committee to Win the Peace, 1309 14th Street N. W., Washington, D. C., will supply you with any advice or help you may need.

2 Take the Declaration of Principles to the organizations in your community and ask them to endorse it and send it, with their endorsement, to their congressmen and Senators.

3 Write, and get others to write to the Hon. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., care of the United Nations, Hunter College, Bronx, N. Y., urging that the United States delegation to UN faithfully adhere to the Roosevelt policy of Big Three unity.

4 Subscribe to the bulletins and publications of the National Committee to Win the Peace. Know how and by whom the peace is threatened. Keep posted on the activities of Win the Peace groups around the country, so you can support their campaigns. Your name will be put on the mailing list immediately, and you will be billed for those publications which you wish to receive regularly.

5 Mail a check today to the National Committee to Win the Peace, to help finance its work.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO WIN THE PEACE
1309 14th Street N. W., Washington, D. C.



Declaration of Principles

Adopted by WIN THE PEACE CONFERENCE
Washington, D. C., April 5, 6, 7, 1946

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT LOOKED TO THE FUTURE WITH confidence, seeing a world free from the scourge and terror of war for many generations. The Anglo-American-Soviet coalition he helped to shape has defeated fascism in battle. The peace he did not live to see is here. But already this war-racked generation is threatened with the scourge and terror of a third World War, preparation for which is well advanced.

The tree of liberty needs only the sunshine of peace to make it flower; it has been watered with enough blood.

The little group of willful men who conspire against the world's peace and the nation's security think not of freedom, though they take its name in vain. Their dreams are of empire and of world domination. They are the economic royalists, the "old enemies of peace" to whom Roosevelt gave battle more than once.

It is they who are sowing division among the victorious allies. They mount guard over the growing stockpile of atom bombs, seeking to keep atomic energy as the weapon of their private diplomacy and to bar its use in the service of mankind.

Their press beats the drums for war against the Soviet Union. Their congressional spokesmen, on both sides of the aisle, urge that the United States renege on the commitments made at Yalta, Potsdam and Moscow.

These economic royalists are not without influence in high places. Unless they are soon curbed, they will sacrifice American democracy on the altar of their lust to rule the world, and lead the nation to suicidal war.

The people of the United States are sovereign in this land, and their will is firm for peace. President Roosevelt, who led the nation to victory in the anti-fascist war, charted the road to just and enduring peace. His policy of Big Three unity was and is the policy of the American people.

THESE, OUR PRINCIPLES, ARE A RESTATEMENT OF THAT policy for which our sons fought and died, to which our whole nation is pledged, and to whose practice the American people will win our government's assent.

A democratic American foreign policy can stop a third World War.

The friendship and unity of all the United Nations is the guarantee of peace.

The unity of the Big Three is paramount, and must be restored on the basis of the Yalta, Potsdam and Moscow agreements. Friendship with both the Soviet Union and Great Britain is vital to the American interest and indispensable to the effective working of the United Nations Organization.

War threatens wherever fascism remains. Its last vestige must be destroyed.

A Security Council which lives by the unity principle is the only trustworthy custodian of atomic energy and of every atom bomb.

The colonial peoples everywhere, and the new democracies of Europe, shall be permitted to exercise their right of self-government without outside interference.

American troops must be withdrawn from the United Nations and all friendly lands, that the peoples of those lands may achieve democracy and unity.

The disrupters of Big Three unity, the pro-fascists and the power-mad who are preparing a third World War must be driven from public life.

An America which pursues this democratic foreign policy, provides full employment, respects the rights of labor, gives first-class citizenship to the Negro, and outlaws anti-Semitism and all forms of race discrimination, will not covet the territory nor provoke the enmity of any other nation. It will have no need for a large standing army.

These are our principles. Our purpose is organized action to assure that they are put in practice. We call on all Americans whose hearts are turned to peace—the working men and women, the veterans of World War II, the young sons who prepare for a useful life in a nation at peace, the mothers and wives whose love is a force for peace—to join with us in common cause. Together we can and will prevent a third World War.

STOP WORLD WAR III!

One year after the death of President Roosevelt, the American people knew that the peace he worked to make a lasting reality was in danger.

Determined to stop World War III by returning the United States to the Roosevelt policy of Big Three unity, 712 delegates from 28 states met in the nation's capitol on April 5th, 6th and 7th.

This Win the Peace Conference was sponsored by several hundred leading American citizens, including three Senators and twenty Congressmen.

Recognizing the need for an organization that can unite and mobilize all the millions of individuals and hundreds of organizations ready to act to stop World War III, the Conference established the National Committee to Win the Peace.

The delegates elected as co-chairmen Col. Evans Carlson and Paul Robeson.

Col. Carlson, hero of the Pacific war, led the Marine Corp's famed Carlson's Raiders in the capture of Makin Island and Saipan. The Gung-Ho spirit of team-work for victory which he embodies will guide the work of the National Committee to Win the Peace.

Paul Robeson is more than the sum of all the songs he has sung and the stage parts he has played—he is the American people's own artist, beloved by freedom-loving peoples everywhere.

The delegates, sent by civic groups, churches and fraternal societies, veteran and youth organizations, women's clubs, trade unions and Negro organizations, turned naturally to these two men for leadership.

Carlson and Robeson replied: Your program is ours, we are proud to work with you for its realization—for we, too, know that the peace is in grave peril.

There were other fighters for peace who spoke at the Conference. There was Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, who said, **"War is a danger that can be avoided only if that unity of the Big Three molded by Roosevelt is not lost."**

Of course, John Rankin was not there, and neither was William Randolph Hearst. What they said to scare others away was an old, old story taken from Hitler's book.

But 80-year old Adolph Sabath, Dean of the House of Representatives, came anyway and told the delegates:

"It is unfortunate that we have in our midst men who, through reckless statements and charges, create prejudices in the American people which may even affect the stability of United Nations cooperation."



Sen. Claude Pepper



Cong. Adolph Sabath

Senator Glen Taylor spoke to the Conference, and so did Congressmen Ellis Patterson, Hugh De Lacy, John Coffee and Charles Savage. They hailed the establishment of the National Committee to Win the Peace and urged continued efforts to make its program the program of the United States.

Other speakers included R. J. Thomas, vice-president of the United Auto Workers (CIO), Rev. Stephen Fritchman, editor of the Christian Register, President Mordecai Johnson of Howard University, the noted actress, Florence March, and the writer and veteran, Millard Lampell.

There were many speakers, but there was also action and plans for more action. Following the Conference, delegates called on their Senators and Congressmen, visited the White House and State Department, sent a delegation to the Security Council.

They carried this message from the American people: **Reestablish Big Three unity to stop World War III!**

From many communities came reports of local Win the Peace Committees already established and functioning. Plans were announced for Win the Peace meetings to be held in the major cities, for mail campaigns to Congress and the State Department, for more delegations to visit the U. S. representatives in the UN.

The resolutions adopted mapped a program of action on specific issues related to the big job of stopping World War III—action against Franco Spain, freedom for the colonial peoples, respect for the right of the countries of liberated Europe to govern themselves, recall of American troops from friendly lands, effective Security Council control of atomic energy.

All of these resolutions are summed up in the Declaration of Principles, unanimously adopted by the Conference.

The National Committee to Win the Peace is now a going concern. It enlists the active support of all Americans who subscribe to and will work for its Declaration of Principles.

Unity won the war...

Unity must win the peace



COLONEL EVANS CARLSON and PAUL ROBESON
Co-Chairmen of the National Committee to Win the Peace
1309 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

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CRUCIBLE STEEL CLUB OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY *

REPORT BY [REDACTED]

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JUNE 1st. 1946

The members of this club met in the office of the Communist Party on Sat. afternoon June 1st. at 4:00 P.M. with ~~xxx~~ about eight or nine persons participating. It seems that additional people have been involved and the party has been very much impressed by the strides made in this plant. Of those who went into the meeting I recognized only [REDACTED] - There was a new negro comrade. The meeting was conducted by [REDACTED] who is in charge of some of this work.

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***** GENERAL GENERAL GENERAL
From the same source I have been able to ascertain that there will be a meeting of the Croatian Communists of the Lawrenceville sector with [REDACTED] on Sunday June 2nd. - [REDACTED] joined the party - his application was signed by Matt Cvetic on whom I believe I reported previously.

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From the same source I learn that a broad conference for the district is proposed for sometime in July to get a report of the National Committee meeting.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICE- Tuesday June 4th., 1946

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Around noon today there was a short meeting of the picnic committee - those attending were [redacted] Matt Cvetic and [redacted] [redacted] - They discussed the necessity of establishing the Labor Press Committee and also of dividing responsibility between the ~~xx~~ three of them. [redacted] said he spoke to [redacted] about the IWO about getting the IWO working on the Raffle and Picnic and said there were about 200 lodges in the IWO who could ~~xxxx~~ sell raffle tickets - if each one sold one book that would be \$2000.00. In addition he said we must think in terms of organizing the Labor Press Committee. - While they were talking Roy Hudson came over and ask Matt if he wouldn't take some notes at the Citizens Committee luncheon for the Daily Worker he asked Matt if he ever done any reporting - Matt said not but he would try his hand at it. -

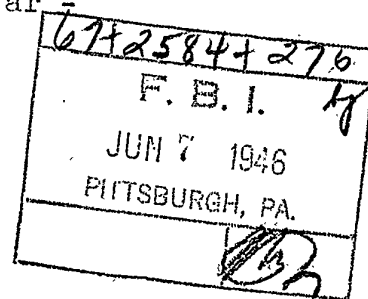
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The picnic committee couldn't get going so they decided to hold a meeting tomorrow Wed. afternoon - When it came to decide where to hold the meeting [redacted] and the others felt the office was not the proper place to hold it (because of security reasons) so they decided to have it in [redacted] office ~~xxx~~ where they could be sure of privacy.

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Roy Hudson and [redacted] were to go to Homestead this P.M. [redacted] [redacted] went out to the Pgh-Brooklyn Ballgame and I have a hunch that's where that stinker [redacted] ended up. Matt went over to the Citizens Committee luncheon - and [redacted] had a meeting somewhere at 1:00P.M.
ON THE RAFFLE:

Some 6000 tickets have been distributed so far -



June 4th., 1946

Dear Comrade:

We are calling a conference for Sunday June 16th in Cleveland, Ohio to start at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time. The conference will be held in Room 403 Commercial Bldg. located at 2056 E. 4th St. (So. of Euclid).

As pointed out in the last letter the conference is open to members and to those we feel confident will join with us in our program.

Proposals for an agenda follow:

- 1 Review of our activities since the previous conference
Reports-proposals - Suggestions
- 2 Our role in the fight against the Truman anti-labor proposals, the fight for world peace, the Congressional elections - our role in our mass organizations.
- 3 The problem of "Trieste" What can we do about it?
- 4 Our press - What kind should we have - how can we build it.
A discussion of basic problems such as editorial staff, what type of publication we should have - where it should be located etc.
- 5 How can we build and strengthen our forces nationally.
- 6 Work out a program of closer co-operation with our Serbian and Croatian brothers.
- 7 Good and Welfare.

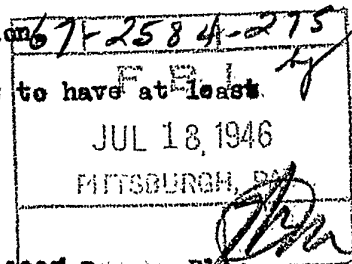
Any suggestions or proposals or additions you might have write or bring them with you to the conference. Invite to the conference any member you think should participate; any friend who has worked closely with us and you think can be brought into our organization.-- on this use your discretion.

Before closing I am glad to report that we expect to have at least six or seven from the Pittsburgh district at the conference.

With comradely regards, I remain.

Matthew Cvetic, 1905 Berger Bldg.,

Pittsburgh, Pa.



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June 6, 1946.

Matthew Cvetie
1005 Berger Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Dear Matt:

I received your agenda for the meeting. It is very good. Will you make it a point to attend the Creation Conference this coming Saturday and Sunday in Pittsburgh. There I could take up some questions with you.

Comradely,

Steve Nelson

uopwa-#16-128

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Saturday, June 1st., 1946

RE: SLOVENIAN COMMUNIST PARTY: -

Report/ by []

[] and Matt Cvetic met in the office of the Amer. Comm. for Yugoslav Relief to discuss a proposed conference of the Slovenian Communist Party which is to be held in Cleveland on Sunday June 16th. Matt told [] that he had received a letter from [] in Cleveland and [] said in the letter that the Conference will be held in the Commerical Bldg. Room 403, at 2056 East 4th St. (south of Euclid Ave) the office of the Communist Party. [] also told Matt in the letter to notify [] about the time and place of the conference.

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Proposed for the agenda by [] and Matt we e:

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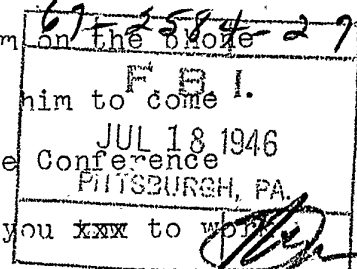
1. Review of Activities
2. Review of Slovene Problems
3. Review of Yugoslav Problems
4. Role of Slovene Communists
5. Publication
6. Coalition of Serb, Croats and Slovene Movements within the Party Structure.

Reports will be given by [] Matt, Tony Minerich and also by various representatives from the represented cities.

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[] came in and in discussion about the conference he asked quote: Have you been in touch with [] from the Embassy. It seems to me (still quoting [] that some of the questions xxxx should be discussed with him. You ought to call him on the phone at the Embassy and xxxxxx make an appointment for him to come here to [] and discuss the Slovene Problems and the Conference with you here and find out xxx how they want xxxxx you xxx to work. Matt and [] agreed that they would call [] on Monday and xxxxxxxx to meet with him.

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ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

SATURDAY June 1, 1946

Report by [redacted]

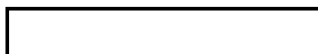
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A meeting of the Organization Committee was held at the Party Office Saturday afternoon June 1st. with the following in attendance:



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Matt Cvetic,



Roy Hudson (who came in around 2:45 P.M.)

The agenda was as follows:

Report to District Committee Meeting by [redacted]

School for Members of District Committee by [redacted]

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Report on Personnel [redacted]

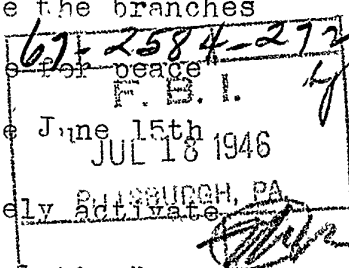
[redacted] read the report he will make to the District Comm.

at the Carnegie Lecture Hall on Sunday Morning (Northside) which consisted of a complete history of the Party Bldg drive, the status of the Party, the new orientations within the Party Structure and future plans. On the new orientations he referred to the Committee as being the "District" Committee and referred to the Bureau as the "District" Bureau.

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In cross discussion [redacted] said that [redacted] report which will take around one hour had no prospectives [redacted] specifically referred that the report contained nothing in the nature of what the Communist party could do to initiate the struggle he suggested that the Party immediately get to work on plans to mobilize the branches on two important questions of struggle first: "Struggle for peace

which is important and which should be tied in with the June 15th [redacted] Peace Conference and also immediately activate the branches in a program against the "Anti-Labor Legislation" He



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also called attention the the NMU strike which is scheduled for June 15th and voiced the opinion that we must move much quicker on this than we did on the Railroad Strike. Other comrades also discussed the report suggested that it should be concretized (whatever the hell that means)

On the School for members of the District Committee [] reported that the Bureau recommended that a "One Week" school for members of the District Comm. and leading comrades be held. Originally this school was scheduled for the week of June 22nd to June 29th but it seems that according to [] that [] from the National office after agreeing to come here and conduct the class wrote and said he could not be present. The Organization committee discussed whether they should go ahead with the ~~XXXXX~~ Class anyway but it was pointed out in discussion that from June 25th to June 28th both Roy Hudson and [] would be at the meeting of the National Plenum of the Communist Party in New York. After much discussion and proposing it was decided that if after contacting newyork [] could not come here the class will be postponed till after the July picnic and it was proposed that it be held on July 22nd to July 29th. [] proposed some twenty names of those who should come to the class - it was decided to discuss them at length at the next meeting - everything being taken into consideration - such as meeting the expenses of out-of-town members - length of time in the party - getting the week off to attend the class - Will the individual proposed get anything out of the class etc. -

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On the discussion around the Clubs [] reported that 12 (twelve) clubs now have full executive committees and several others have at least a president and a secretary.

Also in discussion it was brought out that there was an

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offer ~~fr~~ that the "Finleyville Farm" could be used for the classes -

I'm not sure but I think this arrangement is in the hands of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] - (If you want the names of the Dist.Comm. members proposed for this class let me know) - Later it will be decided whehter this will be accepted or whether the classes will be held at the Jewish Fraternal Center in Sq.Hill where the Comrades from Sq.Hill will be asked to provide housing for those taking the courses. The Course of instruction will be a full week course.

On the Report on Personnel this merely consisted in [REDACTED] proposing that [REDACTED] should be put in charge of Co-ordinating the Work around Crucible Steel and that [REDACTED] remain in charge of literature - both of these proposals accepted.

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EDITORS NOTE: I STILL THINK [REDACTED] IS A STOOL PIGEON.

On the Good and Welfare it was decided that at next week's meeting Literature and Finances must be on the agenda.

Thats all - Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Oh yes: [REDACTED] was put in charge of resurrecting the old sustaining fund.

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CROATIAN COMMUNIST PARTY - National Comm.Meeting
Knights of Pythias Hall, N.S.Pgh. Sat. ~~xxx~~ June 8th., 1946

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58 Delegates from some seven or Eight States and Canada gathered in the first ~~Croatian~~ Conference of Croatian Communists ~~in~~ since 1936. Delegates were present from Michigan, Ohio, Penna. New York, Ill. Canada. (one from Wisconsin) -

from Cleveland, Ohio was of this day session which was the first of a two day meeting. The main report was delivered ~~fr~~ by and other specific reports by on the Status of the CFU, by on the Amer.Comm for Reconstruction on Yugoslavia and on the Croatian IWO. Roy Hudson Dist.Chairman of the Communist Party also delivered a report as did Steve Nelson National Commission Director for the Communist Party - Others ~~xxx~~ attending the Confernce included:

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	New York	
	Detroit, Mich.	Anthony Minerich,
		 (Serbian)
Art Bartl		 (Serbian)
James Dolsen (sold worker and new masses)		
		
Matt Cvetich (Slovenian)		
		
	(Chicago)	

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Inall the e were 63 persons at the conference with representatives from:
Narodni Glasnik, CFU Croatian IWO
Croatian Men's and Women's Council
Communist Party of W.Pa. and also of America.
and guest froms the Slovene and Serbian Groups.

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[] report was all inclusive - He stressed the necessity of working within the Framework of the United committee of the Slovenes, Serbians and Croatsians, Bulgarians and Macedonians working closer together. Stressed the importance of the Communist Party and the necessity of establishing a Croatian National Bureau and also of assigning a full time Secretary to the work - Stressed the importance of the membership drive of the CFU and the necessity for getting more progressive people into the CFU. On the Communist Party stressed the importance of activating some of the older members and also the importance of bringin into the party the young and new and the veterans and the women. - Basically the report was a new approach to the work of the Croatian Communists than heretofore when there was a tendency to veer away from the Party.

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[] in his remarks stressed that all discussion would be governed by Communist Disciplinary Rules as to time and Criticism of the speaker remarks.

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Roy Hudson in ~~his~~ his talk blamed the way the Croatsians were working on Browderism and Revisionism. Told about the time he was labor a/delegate to the Soviet Union and about making a speech there -

Said that the Communist Party must be put on at least an equal footing with other activities of the Croatsians - Blamed the national Committee and the C.P. for not playing a more active role in Trieste which he admitted the C.P. in America did not recognize as being an important international issue not alone a Yugoslav Question.

[] did not like the relative secondary importance placed on the FWO within the Communist Party structure (compared to the CFU which was given a helluva lot of buildup) and stated so in his remarks.

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[] in his report stressed the Drive for Members for the CFU and called attention to the fact that the Reactionaries are

ten times stronger than we are except that they are inactive - He said
Let's not delude ourselves into believing that we are numerically
stronger than they - We must continue to work and recruit the progress-
ives into the CFU - We must work within the Communist Party as real
progressives and build the party movement. And face the fact real-
istically that we have still a tremendous opposition to overcome.
Were the elections held today (CFU elections) [] said, I would not
be afraid but we don't know what kind of struggle will develop by the
election time 1947 so let's prepare ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ourselves by strengthening
our movement.

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[] stressed also the importance of better work in
the progressive movement and also the importance of working as Commun-
ists - unless we recognize the importance of the work ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and
the role we must play our efforts are wasted.

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Roy Hudson criticized the role of [] and other work
of the Croatian Progressive in that "Quote" Unless by our work we
bring the masses closer to the Communist Party - unless we educate
them to the real vanguard role of the Communists by our work in our
language press, in our mass organizations our work is incorrect and
we might as well forget about ~~xxxx~~ it.

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June 10th., 1946

Re: Steve Nelson,

Heard a conversation between Steve Nelson and Matt Cvetic in the Coffee Shop of the Fort Pitt Hotel this Morning at 9:15 A.M. - They left the Coffee Shop at 10:15.

Matt Cvetic was telling Steve about a Conference of Slovene Party Members that was to be held in Cleveland on Sunday June 16th. He went over the agenda with Steve

Steve Nelson told Matt that when he was in Chicago he called [] (SNPJ) and [] came over to his room and they had a very lengthy discussion. He said that he introduced himself to [] as the Leader of the National Commission of the Communist Party and that [] met with him and discussed many Slovene problems - Steve said that [] told him about the reactionary groups amongst the Slovenes who are trying to gang up on the progressives - he specifically mentioned the clerics. They discussed at length the Youth and Steve told [] that he should think in terms of organizing the Youth group - [] said that they set up a budget of \$5000 for Youth work - Steve pointed out that they should get a Sports Program hire a Director to organize the Youth work and even if necessary increase the budget for work amongst the Youth. -

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Steve remarked on the fact that [] met with him ~~as~~ not as an individual but as the leader of the nationality Groups of the Communist Party.

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On the Slovene Conference itself Steve suggested that the conference should take up at least half of its time discussing the coming SNPJ convention which will be held in Minnesota this year. He said we should work with people like [] and support them as long as they are right on most questions and

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the other part of the conference should deal mostly with party bldg.
The conference should (Steve still speaking) pass resolutions
on Youth Questions

SNPJ Program

Relief and others.

Steve said further that he understands from [] that the Editors
of Pro Svet and Proletarec were very friendly. - He suggested to
Matt that he prepare himself for the conference with

a list of SNPJ ~~XXXXX~~ Lodges
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He also suggested to Matt to talk to [] about Youth Work
amongst the Slovaks that he may be able to get some ideas from her.
Discuss towns where we can concentrate on work.

ON the SNPJ meeting he suggests we have a caucus of our members
before and after the convention -

Suggested the Trieste issue be taken up in Trade Unions.

STEVE NELSON ALSO SAID HE IS TO MEET WITH THE SERBIANS THIS
AFTERNOON * THE CROATIANS THIS EVENING - SAID HE HAS A ~~XXX~~ CONFERENCE
IN PHILADELPHIA SATURDAY * WILL TRY TO MAKE CLEVELAND CONFERENCE ON
SUNDAY * IF NOT HALL WILL ATTEND. * SAID HE HAS A MEETING WITH THE
~~XXXX~~ POLES AND GREEKS IN DETROIT NEXT WEEK. * ~~XXXX~~ CROATIAN MEETING
WILL BE AT OFFICE OF NARODNI GLASNIK THIS EVENING JUNE 10TH AT
~~XX~~ 7:30 P.M. -

Discussed Briefly finances - suggested they raise finances
for Party through raffle or social functionl

Also suggested to Matt that they think in terms of sending
~~XXXX~~ some of the comrades out on the road to do organizing work
amongst the Slovenes - (THIS ~~XX~~ REFERRED TO STRICTLY PARTY WORK)
especially over the week ends.

More later.

June 16th., 1946***

Re: Slovenian Bureau of the Communist Party -- Meeting, Communist party Office, Commercial Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Members of the Communist Party in the Slovenian Movement met in a conference at Cleveland, Ohio for the purpose of strengthening their organization nationally. The following attended the conference:

Gus Hall - for the Cleveland Communist Party

[Redacted]
- State Chairman of Ohio.
- Detroit Michigan
- Detroit Michigan
- Cleveland, Ohio -
- Cleveland, Ohio -
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Pittsburgh, Pa.

Matt Cvetic

- Pittsburgh, Pa.
- CLEVELAND, OHIO
- Cleveland, Ohio.

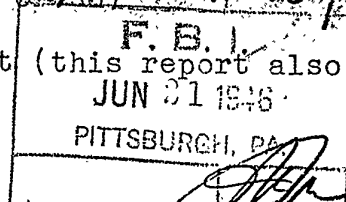
(OR [Redacted])

The meeting got under way around 10:30 Eastern Standard Time with the following proposed agenda:

- 1 Report by Matt Cvetic - English
- 2 Report by [Redacted] - Slovenian
- 3 Report from New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh
- 4 Remarks by Gus Hall
- 5 Discussion on Reports
- 6 Proposals
- 7 Conclusion.

[Redacted]
He called upon Matthew Cvetic for his report - He gave his report which took about one hour (This report which contained many recommendations will be submitted in full in a week.

[Redacted] then ~~xxxxxx~~ read his report (this report also will be submitted in its entirety in a week or so.



The following proposals recommended and read by Matt Cvetic were approved by the body.

1. That a ^{Slovene} National Bureau of the Communist Party be established.
2. That the Bureau issue a monthly bulletin in the name of the Slovene Party
3. That the Slovenes immediately go into a recruiting drive - concentrating particularly on the Youth and Veterans - Cleveland pledged to recruit 50 Slovenes into the party.
4. That we strengthen our work in our fraternal, social and political organizations.
5. That we recommend to the Nationality Commission that a Yugoslav Bureau be established nationally for the purpose of discussing and working on common problems.
6. Set up a finance apparatus so that our Secretary can do his work more effectively - travelling when necessary and to defray expense of bulleting and meet all expenses.

On policy he proposed.

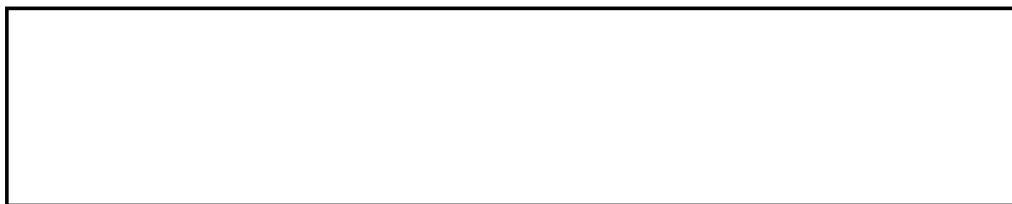
- A. That we support all Win the Peace forces.
- B. Pledge full support to Tito and the New Federated Yugoslav Government
- C. Work with all anti-fascist forces.
- D. Support OPA, Wage Fight, Take up coming elections
- ~~xxxxxxx~~
- E. Issue national leaflets and pamphlets of current topics in Slovenian (Marxist)

In Discussion on the above.

It was proposed and recommended that our Secretary be empowered to make arrangements to call a caucus in Ely Minnesota of our ~~SNPJ~~ Delegates for the purpose of influencing the SNPJ convention politically. This action it was pointed out is necessary as the forces in ~~SNPJ~~ control of SNPJ are trying to withdraw ~~the~~ from politics and make the SNPJ purely an insurance apparatus. Matt further proposed that the Secretary keep in touch with the various section leaders and also to secure a place for the Caucus to notify the various delegates - and make all necessary plans for the ~~xxxx~~ caucus. Further that he meet and

discuss with Steve Nelson at an early date the SNPJ Convention.

It was further porposed that because Cleveland is the center of Slovendom that the National Body should be centered in that City - That the editorial staff of the new Buletting be centered there and also that all officers for the present should be from Cleveland. The only excep-
tion to this was the finance committee which will be set up in Pgh.
In answer to this recommendation the following officers were elected:

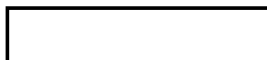


It was further recommended by Matt that all present Section Secre-
taries remain until new ones can be elected.

The finance committee was elected from Pgh as follows:



Matt Cvetich



Coverdale, Pa.

Finally Matt proposed that all reports, recommendations etc be
mimeographed and copies sent to the Section Secretaries in Pittsburgh
New York (Brooklyn), Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland and Ecorse.

All business having been concluded - the meeting adjourned at
4;30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

COMMUNIST PARTY - MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON PICNIC
OFFICE OF THE IWO * SLOVAK - Wed.P.M. June 5th., 1946

A meeting of the present committee of the Communist party working on the picnic was held to discuss plans for the picnic. Attending were the following:

[Redacted]

Matthew Cvetic,

[Redacted]

The agenda:

- 1 Automobile Raffle
- 2 Role of the IWO
- 3 Labor Press Committee
- 4 Responsibility for picnic
5. Working Committee.

On the automobile raffle, [Redacted] reported that 6500 tickets have been distributed. He also reported that one comrade in Homestead already sold 26 tickets. Tickets have been distributed to all clubs but J & L, McKers Rocks; Crucible, Wilmerding, Alliquippa, New kens. and Ambridge - Matt Cvetic took responsibility for the 50 Club which would be a club of all comrades selling 50 or more tickets. -

The role of the IWO was thoroughly discussed - after a discussion it was decided that they will participate as a part of the committee and discuss the picnic, They expect to sell 2000 raffle picnics.

The labor Press committee caused a lot of discussion. [Redacted] said it was not ~~xxx~~ only important but necessary for publicity, political and legality reasons to have such a committee. [Redacted] wanted the committee to include all the comrades working on the committee but [Redacted] and Joe G. felt it should only be a sponsoring

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committee which would take the responsibility of the picnic - ~~xxxx~~

A committee of 15 was decided upon with such persons as Roy Hudson, Tony Minerich, [redacted] Matthew Cvetic,

[redacted] and six

others were suggested and accepted for the committee - [redacted]

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[redacted]

On the responsibility of the Picnic it was decided that [redacted]
[redacted] Matt Cvetic, [redacted] jointly would
take the overall responsibility with [redacted] taking top responsibility.

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on the working committee;

[redacted] was temporarily assigned the responsibility of
the publicity and entertainment - [redacted] on ticket returns,
Matt Cvetic on the food; and [redacted] on Sports; [redacted] for money
raising events such as raffles or bingo on the ground.

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[redacted] is to call a meeting of the sponsoring committee of
15 as soon as he can -

The committee will meet again on Tuesday morning - same place.

[redacted] will be asked to write to the Almanac Singers to
findout if they are available. [redacted] is to discuss with the
District Bureau about the speaker the committee having decided that
instead of Eugene DENNIS THEY SHOULD GET SOMEONE FROM THE DAILY WORKER
AND MORRIS CHILDS WAS SUGGESTED. -

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Thats all for now.

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CRUCIBLE STEEL CO.:

AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING



OF THE CRUCIBLE BRANCH WHICH NOW
HAS SIX MEMBERS.

SANS

LOCAL UNIT HELD A SHORT SESSION AT SLOVENIAN HALL SUNDAY AFTERNOON 6/2
IS DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON YUGOSLAVIA AND MIHALOVICH PUT OUT BY
UNITED COMMITTEE AND ALSO A COPY OF THE YUGOSLAVIA NEW CONSTITUTION
WHICH IS PUT OUT BY SANS NATIONAL OFFICE IN SLOVENIAN. COPIES AVAILABLE.

SLOVENE DAY COMMITTEE

THIS COMMITTEE HELD A MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON - WILL AGAIN MEET
JULY 7th. -

SLOVENE COMMUNIST PARTY

AT LEAST SIX MEMBERS OF THE PARTY FROM PITTSBURGH WILL ATTEND THE
CLEVELAND CONFERENCE.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY *

The district committee of the Communist Party met on Sunday morning. Originally the meeting was to be held in the Lecture Room of the Carnegie Library N.S. but when for some reason the place wasn't opened and the comrades got tired standing around in the rain they decided to retire to 1916 East St. where the meeting was held on the first floor - the office of [redacted] Present were some 24 members of the committee of whom I recognized the following:

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[redacted]
Roy Hudson

[redacted]
Anthony Minerich

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic

[redacted]
James Dolsen

Comrades were present from Farrell, Pa. (three of them)

[redacted] and on the agenda were

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two reports one by Roy Hdson and one by [redacted]

Roy Hudson dealt in his report with the World Peace Conference, anti-labor legislation: dealt with the role of the Communist Party and stressed the Political importance of the coming picnic. Also asked every member of the committee to pledge one days pay to the party - He further stressed the importance of the raffle.

[redacted] dealt with the Party Recruiting Drive mentioned and recommended that the drive be continued until July 1st. and placed emphasis on such places as Southside, Farrel, Lawrenceville, Wash.Co. (particularly Canonsburg where 9 have already been recruited expect 8 more) Erie, Hill, Sq. Hill.

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On the World Peace Conference plans are now on foot according To Roy Hudson to set up local committees wherever possible. Part

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emphasis was placed on the importance of strengthening this field of endeavor in light of the coming June 15th meeting of the UN. Parallel action to the American League ~~for~~ Against fascism and world peace were discussed.

THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS I TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF IN THE DISCUSSION BY THE PARTICIPATING COMRADES:

[redacted] in dealing with the Role of the Communists in UE especially said he was ashamed of his work as A Communist in the past. He said quote: "I am a Communist and I pledge to continue to work as a Communist" -

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Anthony Minerich said quote: Next Saturday and Sunday we have a conference of the Croatian people who are active in the Newspaper - in addition we are going to organize a National Croatian Communist Party Organ - this he said we did not have up to the present time and this is new. This is to carry on the work of building the Communist Party within the Croatian movement and carrying on Party work.

100-3463 [redacted] said: quote: Discussing the report of the Irish Catholics who gave a certain report after visiting Moscow; quote We must work on Phillip Murray - the hell with Dave McDonald ~~xxxx~~ he moves around too much you can't depend on him. He also was very critical of [redacted] and suggested some action be taken on some of the remarks [redacted] is making about certain Irish Catholic members of the CIO Committee.

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[redacted] also spoke in discussion.

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[redacted] said - quote: As Communists we have a lot of work to do before ~~we~~ the time comes for us to go to jail again.

FROM THE CONFERENCE AND TREND OF THINGS IT LOOKS AS IF CP ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION WILL ENJOY BETTER LUCK IN THE NEAR FUTURE. -

CITIZENS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON,
Wm. Penn Hotel, Pgh., Pa. 6/4/46

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Some 60 labor and political leaders attended a luncheon organized to protest against Truman's antilabor legislation and the Case Bill.

Speakers included:

[redacted] CLU Wash. D.C.

Senator Dent,

[redacted]

[redacted] CLU

Pa. ed. of Lab.

[redacted] U.S. of Amer. representing Phillin Murray

[redacted]

[redacted] Civil Liberties Union

[redacted] UE. ~~XXXX~~

Senator Elmer Holland.

Others ~~xx~~ sitting at speakers Table were

[redacted] - United Prof. Workers

Jack Metcalfe - UE.

[redacted] - U. of Pgh. spoke also she said:

Passage of Truman's anti-labor bill or the Case Bill would result in:
three things:

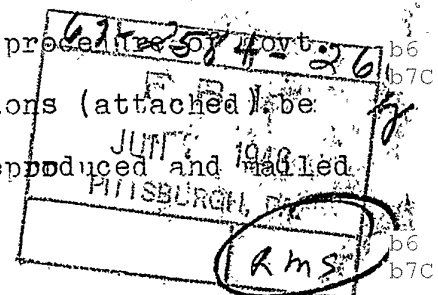
1st. Set back progress in labor movement 30 to 50 years

2nd. It would be a powerful weapon in activating all types of anti-labor activities.

3rd. Represent a breakdown in democratic procedure

[redacted] proposed that the Resolutions (attached) be publicized in the newspaper and that they also be reproduced and mailed out.

[redacted] - UE also attended banquet.



CITIZENS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON

William Penn Hotel

Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 4, 1946

RESOLUTIONS

1

WHEREAS, the Case Bill recently passed by the Congress of the United States violates fundamental democratic and constitutional guarantees, threatens the foundations of free government, and has as its basic aim the destruction of the labor movement in this country,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the President of the United States to reaffirm democratic principles by vetoing this dangerous piece of repressive legislation, and further, if such action is taken by the President, that we call upon the Congress of the United States to sustain the veto.

2

WHEREAS, pending legislation before Congress, proposed in a spirit of anti-labor hysteria, violates basic principles of individual freedom and constitutional liberty, and

WHEREAS, punitive and repressive legislation cannot possibly aid in the solution of industrial disputes, but by ranging the forces of government on the side of capital, is an open invitation to industry to engage in a struggle to destroy the labor movement,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the House of Representatives to support the courageous stand taken by Senator Guffey in the Senate and oppose the present emergency anti-labor legislation in its entirety or any other legislation which would:

1. Draft labor;
2. Deny to workers the right to strike;
3. Impose criminal penalties for engaging in strikes;
4. Deny seniority rights to workers who engage in labor disputes;
5. Restore the use of labor injunctions.

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COMMUNIST PARTY * RE: [REDACTED] (RADIO STATION WJAS)

A person by the name of [REDACTED] was in the party office on July 13th Saturday afternoon at around 1:30 P.M. He spoke with [REDACTED] and Roy H. about joining the Communist Party. He had Communist friends in the city from where he came (Possibly N.Y.) and was ~~going to~~ going to join the party there but for some reason didn't. [REDACTED] said he was from WJAS. He was a young fellow possibly around [REDACTED] built something like Matt C. only a ~~little~~ a bit heavier.

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said we finally got [REDACTED] to attend one of our party branch meetings. She said he attended the last meeting of the Professional branch.

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MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113
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Reference is made to Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated June 5, 1946 in which the recent accomplishments of this informant are enumerated.

CVETIC has requested additional remuneration which he feels is necessary and deserves in view of the expanding scope of his activity. The value of this informant to the Bureau is well known. In order that his interest may be maintained and his progress continued it is recommended that the amount of his remuneration be increased to \$60.00 a week effective August 1.

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The National Committee of the American Slav Congress is to hold a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on July 27 and 28, 1946.

In view of his personal familiarity with the leaders of the American Slav movement in this country it is suggested that C-113 be permitted to attend this meeting at Bureau expense. Following the meeting a detailed list of expenditures will be sent to the Bureau. However, it is believed that the following tentative statement of expenses will cover his trip:

One round-trip, first-class train ticket	\$ 9.95
Hotel for two nights	10.00
Meals for two days	10.00
Miscellaneous expenses	2.50
Entertainment, food, drinks for the various delegates	<u>15.00</u>
	\$ 47.45

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